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## THE COOPERATING COURTS

The report on juvenile-court statistics for 1931 is the fifth annual report based on data supplied by courts cooperating with the Children's Bureau in the plan for obtaining uniform statistics of delinquency, dependency and neglect, and other children's cases dealt with by juvenile courts.

During that year reports of cases of children dealt with by the juvenile courts were received from all the courts in Connecticut (89 courts) and Utah (8 courts) and from 71 courts in 21 other States and the District of Columbia. The State of Connecticut was added to the reporting area, and several other changes occurred in the list of cooperating courts. Five courts serving areas with more than 100,000 estimated population<sup>1</sup> and 3 serving a somewhat smaller group<sup>2</sup> were added, and 18 courts serving areas with smaller populations discontinued reporting. These changes are in accord with the program of the Children's Bureau to encourage State-wide reporting through a State agency, usually the department of public welfare, and to continue to develop the reporting to the Bureau of individual cases only from courts serving large urban communities, which report in greater detail than the States are prepared to request from all courts, at least at present.

The courts now reporting to the Bureau serve about one fifth of the population of the United States. During 1931 they submitted facts regarding 59,880 delinquency cases, 22,317 dependency and neglect cases, 1,116 cases of other types over which the courts had jurisdiction, and 17,356 cases of children who had been discharged from supervision after a period of probation or supervision.

The tables included in this report are of two types: Summary tables, combining the figures for all courts, and source tables, giving facts in regard to the cases reported by individual courts. In previous years all the courts reported information for each case on a card, which made possible the correlation of any items reported. In the State plan for reporting used in Connecticut, summary tables are prepared by the courts, and a consolidated table showing figures for all courts is sent to the Children's Bureau. Figures for Connecticut, exclusive of Bridgeport, which reported cases on individual cards, could be used, therefore, in only those summary and source tables that present such basic facts in delinquency and dependency and neglect cases as the age and color of the child, the reason for reference to the court, and the disposition and manner of dealing with

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<sup>1</sup> San Francisco County, Calif.; Dade County, Fla.; Orleans Parish, La.; Syracuse, N.Y.; and Fayette County, Pa.

<sup>2</sup> La Salle County, Ill.; Muskegon County, Mich.; and Kenosha County, Wis.

the case by the court, and, in cases dismissed from supervision, the reason for discharge and the length of time under supervision.

The source tables (pp. 37 to 59) present details as to the cases reported by the 43 courts that were serving areas of 100,000 or more population. In these tables cases reported by courts serving less populous areas are combined and reported as one unit.<sup>3</sup> Consolidated figures for the entire State are also made available for Utah and in some instances for Connecticut. Two of the courts (Hudson County and Mercer County, N.J.) serving areas of 100,000 or more population did not report cases of dependency and neglect. Hartford and New Haven, Conn., were not included in all source tables, as the courts in these cities did not report their cases on cards.

## DELINQUENCY CASES

### TRENDS IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Delinquency rates, based on the number of delinquent children referred to the juvenile court per 10,000 children of juvenile-court age of the same sex, have been calculated for courts serving areas of 100,000 or more population that reported cases on cards to the Children's Bureau during 1931. Rates for each court have been prepared for each year that the court reported cases since the effort to promote uniform statistics began in 1927. (See table 3.) Nineteen courts<sup>4</sup> have reported each year of the 5-year period. During this time progress has been made toward uniformity in reporting, and it is possible to reach some conclusions as to trend in juvenile-court delinquency rates from these courts.

The trend of the rates for boys was upward from 1927 to 1930 (162 in 1927, 174 in 1928, 183 in 1929, and 184 in 1930), but in each year of this period the percentage increase was less. The 1928 increase over 1927 amounted to 7 percent, the 1929 increase over 1928 was 5 percent, and the 1930 increase over 1929 was less than 1 percent. This slowing up in the percentage increase to a point where it is negligible between 1929 and 1930 was followed by a definite drop in the rate in 1931 (172), which amounts to 7 percent decrease from the preceding year. For the 18 courts reporting girls' cases the delinquency rates for girls show the same general tendency. There was an upward trend from 1927 to 1929; the 1930 rate was the same as that of 1929, and the 1931 rate definitely lower than that of 1930.

Analysis of the ages of the children whose cases were reported by these courts shows that the decrease in rates in 1931 from 1930 was largely due to a decrease in cases of children under 14 years of age. Table 1 gives information as to the number of cases of children of different ages dealt with by these courts in 1930 and in 1931 and shows the percent of change in cases from 1930 to 1931 in the different age groups. The decrease in cases of boys under 10 years of age amounted to 18 percent, the percent of decrease becoming progressively smaller in the older age groups. In girls' cases a decrease was found in each age group, except for those under 10 years of age, the largest decrease (16 percent) being in cases of girls 12 and 13 years of age.

<sup>3</sup> The name of the principal city in the area served by each of the 43 larger courts is given in appendix table A, and the name of the principal city in the area served, and the number and type of cases handled, by the smaller courts is given in appendix table B.

<sup>4</sup> Bridgeport, Conn.; District of Columbia; Lake County and Marion County, Ind.; Hennepin County and Ramsey County, Minn.; Hudson County and Mercer County, N.J.; Buffalo, Erie County, New York City, and Westchester County, N.Y.; Franklin County, Hamilton County, and Mahoning County, Ohio; Montgomery County and Philadelphia, Pa.; Norfolk, Va.; and Pierce County, Wash.

TABLE 1.—Age of boys and girls when referred to court in 1930 and in 1931 and percentage change in 1931 as compared with 1930; boys' and girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 19 courts <sup>1</sup> reporting throughout the period 1927-31

Age of child	Boys' cases <sup>2</sup>			Girls' cases <sup>2</sup>		
	1930	1931	Percent- age change	1930	1931	Percent- age change
Total cases.....	25, 946	25, 142	-----	4, 206	3, 858	-----
Under 10 years.....	1, 686	1, 384	-18	122	126	+3
10 years, under 12.....	3, 496	3, 263	-7	239	224	-6
12 years, under 14.....	6, 904	6, 339	-8	805	686	-16
14 years, under 16.....	10, 935	10, 848	-1	2, 344	2, 103	-10
16 years, under 18.....	2, 602	2, 683	+3	671	665	-1
18 years and over.....	60	59	(3)	12	7	(3)
Not reported.....	263	566	-----	13	53	-----

<sup>1</sup> Only 18 courts reported girls' cases.

<sup>2</sup> Includes only official cases for Franklin County, Ohio.

<sup>3</sup> Percentage change not shown because the age of original jurisdiction for these courts was under 18 years, although a few children above this age were dealt with.

Table 2 gives the reasons why boys and girls were brought before these courts in the different years. A large part of the decrease in total cases in 1931 as compared with 1930 was due to reduction in the number of boys' cases classified as "acts of carelessness or mischief", "truancy", or "ungovernable," and in cases of girls referred for truancy, being ungovernable, or sex offense. This decrease in cases of being ungovernable and in girls' truancy cases began in 1930; in boys' truancy cases the decrease began in 1929. Stealing, the most common offense for which boys are referred to the court, and the one that would be expected to show the effect of economic conditions, increased each year from 1927 to 1931. Although the percentage increase (2) in stealing from 1930 to 1931 was smaller than in previous years, it is significant because of the drop in total cases in 1931. Another significant increase, continuous since 1929, was in cases of boys who had run away. There was a decrease rather than an increase in 1931 in cases of girls charged with stealing and running away. Changes in the number of cases of other types of offenses are less significant because of the smaller number of such cases. The increase in 1931 of cases of children charged with the use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs, although the number of cases is small, is of interest.

Conditions in particular localities, or changes in the policies, practices, or services of a few courts, may have a marked influence upon their combined figures. For example, in 1931 the increase in cases of boys running away was due largely to increases in such cases in Hamilton County, Ohio, New York City, and Philadelphia, Pa.; the largest drop in truancy cases was reported by Hudson County, N.J.; and the decrease in cases involving acts of carelessness and mischief, and traffic violations, was affected by the marked drop in such cases in New York City.

Juvenile-court delinquency rates are given in table 3 for each year that cases were reported, for the 41 courts serving areas of 100,000 or more population reporting boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases during 1931. The delinquency rates for boys and for girls fluctuate from year to year in the different courts. The general trend in rates for this larger group of courts was the same as for the 19 courts.



TABLE 2.—Reason for reference to court and percentage change as compared with previous years; boys' and girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 19 courts<sup>1</sup> reporting throughout the period 1927-31

Reason for reference to court, and sex of child	Delinquency cases					Percentage change in—			
	1927	1928	1929	1930 <sup>2</sup>	1931 <sup>3</sup>	1928 com- pared with 1927 <sup>3</sup>	1929 com- pared with 1928 <sup>3</sup>	1930 com- pared with 1929 <sup>3</sup>	1931 com- pared with 1930 <sup>3</sup>
Total cases.....	26,296	27,408	29,271	30,152	29,000	+4	+7	+3	-4
Boys' cases.....	22,499	23,324	24,982	25,946	25,142	+4	+7	+4	-3
Stealing.....	9,263	9,635	10,105	10,690	10,881	+4	+5	+6	+2
Act of carelessness or mis- chief, and traffic violation.....	6,362	7,055	7,977	8,307	8,863	+11	+13	+4	-6
Truancy.....	1,580	1,650	1,566	1,473	1,099	+4	-5	-6	-25
Running away.....	1,547	1,547	1,587	1,627	1,803	0	+3	+3	+11
Ungovernable.....	1,676	1,764	1,816	1,672	1,526	+5	+3	-8	-9
Sex offense.....	461	373	349	387	331	-19	-7	+11	-15
Injury to person.....	745	637	667	661	675	-15	+5	-1	+2
Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs.....	140	89	115	103	144	-37	+29	-11	+40
Other reason.....	553	431	680	1,013	732	-22	+58	+49	-28
Reason not reported.....	172	143	120	13	83				
Girls' cases.....	3,797	4,084	4,289	4,206	3,858	+8	+5	-2	-8
Stealing.....	496	520	493	531	507	+5	-5	+8	-5
Act of carelessness or mis- chief, and traffic violation.....	319	318	337	388	373	( <sup>5</sup> )	+6	+15	-4
Truancy.....	363	395	425	376	315	+9	+8	-12	-16
Running away.....	672	653	780	757	724	-3	+19	-3	-4
Ungovernable.....	1,104	1,286	1,309	1,222	1,108	+16	+2	-7	-9
Sex offense.....	624	693	675	774	652	+11	-3	+15	-16
Injury to person.....	108	100	99	87	79	-8	-1	-12	-9
Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs.....	29	26	21	33	43				
Other reason.....	50	56	81	29	25	+12	+45	-64	
Reason not reported.....	32	37	69	9	32				

<sup>1</sup> Only 18 courts reported girls' cases.<sup>2</sup> Includes only official cases for Franklin County, Ohio, as unofficial cases were not reported in previous years.<sup>3</sup> Percentage change not shown where number of cases was less than 50 or where information was not available.<sup>4</sup> Includes traffic violators (511 boys and 11 girls in 1930; 565 boys and 18 girls in 1931). Number not reported separately in previous years.<sup>5</sup> Less than 1 percent.

Only 9<sup>5</sup> of the 36 courts reporting for 1930 and 1931 had higher boys' rates in 1931 than in 1930. The percent of increase in rates varied from 2 in the District of Columbia to 46 in Milwaukee County. In 2 of these courts, however—District of Columbia and Multnomah County, Oreg.—the difference in the rates was too small to be statistically significant. This marked increase in Milwaukee was due largely to closer cooperation between the court and the police department, and between the court and the district attorney's office. As a result, every juvenile case coming to the attention of the police was referred to the juvenile court, and a number of boys that previously would have been sent to other courts<sup>6</sup> were referred to the juvenile court. Boys' rates in 27 courts were lower in 1931 than in 1930; in 16 courts<sup>7</sup> the decrease was statistically significant.

The rates for girls for the same courts are also given in table 3. In 11 courts the girls' rates were higher in 1931 than in 1930, but

<sup>4</sup> District of Columbia; Baltimore, Md.; Hennepin County, Minn.; Buffalo, and Monroe County, N. Y.; Hamilton County, Ohio; Multnomah County, Oreg.; Third District, Utah; and Milwaukee, Wis.<sup>6</sup> Circuit courts in Wisconsin have concurrent jurisdiction over delinquents of 16 years or over.<sup>7</sup> San Diego, Calif.; Fulton County, Ga.; Lake County and Marion County, Ind.; Polk County, Iowa; Caddo Parish, La.; Wayne County, Mich.; Ramsey County, Minn.; Hudson County, N. J.; New York City, Rensselaer County, and Westchester County, N. Y.; Mahoning County, Ohio; Allegheny County and Philadelphia, Pa.; and Pierce County, Wash.

because of the small number of girls' cases, the increase in only 1 court (Mercer County, N.J.) was statistically significant. Twenty-three courts had lower rates for girls in 1931 than in 1930; in 10 of these <sup>8</sup> the decrease in rate was significant. The girls' rates in Hennepin County, Minn., and in Milwaukee County, Wis., were the same in 1930 and 1931.

TABLE 3.—*Juvenile-delinquency rates per 10,000 boys and girls of juvenile court age jurisdiction dealt with by courts serving areas with 100,000 or more population in 1930: 1927-31*<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Boys					Girls				
	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Alabama: Mobile County.....			143	123	95			35	22	14
California:										
San Diego County.....			484	501	454			103	82	95
San Francisco County.....	143				74	13				24
Connecticut: Bridgeport (city).....	293	258	270	276	265	50	60	52	47	50
District of Columbia.....	427	448	417	409	417	72	79	79	63	64
Florida: Dade County.....					337					73
Georgia: Fulton County.....				361	308				70	58
Indiana:										
Lake County.....	141	133	57	100	82	67	52	37	71	41
Marion County.....	181	150	186	146	113	82	76	86	77	54
Iowa: Polk County.....		327	325	252	202		87	100	81	57
Louisiana:										
Caddo Parish.....		146	185	181	76		29	31	30	15
Orleans Parish.....					170					19
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....				309	347				32	33
Michigan:										
Kent County.....	168		155	183	176			39	29	32
Wayne County.....				152	138				22	17
Minnesota:										
Hennepin County.....	164	178	167	163	188	42	50	42	41	41
Ramsey County.....	96	109	108	138	106	27	30	33	28	36
New Jersey:										
Hudson County.....	206	218	219	232	206	29	39	40	36	26
Mercer County.....	106	143	219	210	198	11	12	10	13	26
New York:										
Buffalo (city).....	155	165	162	178	198	11	14	14	17	18
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	94	103	104	103	84	12	10	7	12	8
Monroe County.....		52	58	40	53		16	12	10	9
New York (city).....	83	115	124	122	110	14	18	20	19	16
Rensselaer County.....			177	209	162			48	43	37
Syracuse (city).....					146					10
Westchester County.....	203	164	154	100	69	35	30	27	19	11
Ohio:										
Franklin County.....	196	161	80	189	182	65	64	59	158	150
Hamilton County.....	230	201	244	248	294			116	105	104
Mahoning County.....	438	477	489	496	444	108	97	113	115	117
Montgomery County.....		127	182	132	121		76	88	85	75
Oregon: Multnomah County.....			221	283	310			52	46	43
Pennsylvania:										
Allegheny County.....		72	70	61	51		13	13	11	8
Fayette County.....					15					4
Montgomery County.....	18	23	20	36	27	6	5	4	5	4
Philadelphia (city and county).....	289	280	320	342	320	42	43	48	51	47
South Carolina: Greenville County.....		60	78	56	55		16	17	15	12
Utah: Third District.....		252	258	261	320		41	59	88	65
Virginia: Norfolk.....	467	398	533	470	422	93	115	113	98	96
Washington:										
Pierce County.....	61	76	58	80	50	16	20	22	17	25
Spokane County.....				342	324				57	59
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....				254	370				68	68

<sup>1</sup> Courts reporting in 1931 that reported in 1 or more years during the period 1927-31.

<sup>2</sup> Based on official cases only, as unofficial cases were not reported in previous years.

The rates in different localities varied widely in 1931. Rates based on the number of boys referred to the courts serving areas with 100,000 or more population varied from 454 in San Diego County, Calif., to 15 in Fayette County, Pa., the rate for these 41 courts

<sup>8</sup> Lake County and Marion County, Ind.; Polk County, Iowa; Caddo Parish, La.; Wayne County, Mich.; Hudson County, N.J.; New York City and Westchester County, N.Y.; Allegheny County, Pa.; and Third District, Utah.

combined being 176; girls' rates varied from 117 in Mahoning County, Ohio, to 4 in Fayette County and Montgomery County, Pa.<sup>9</sup>, the rate for the 41 courts combined being 32.

A number of factors other than variation in the amount of delinquency influence these differences in rates. Important among these is the age limitation of original jurisdiction of the court. Evidence of this is to be found in table 4, which presents for all courts having higher age jurisdiction separate rates for the boys and girls under 16 years of age and for the total number of boys and girls brought before the court. The inclusion of older boys and girls affected the rates of some courts more than of others. The percentage difference was highest in courts having jurisdiction up to 18 years of age. In 3 of these courts (Ramsey County, Minn.; Norfolk, Va.; and Spokane County, Wash.) the rate for boys was more than 50 percent higher when the older boys are included, and in 7 courts (Hennepin County and Ramsey County, Minn.; Franklin County and Hamilton County, Ohio; Third District, Utah; Spokane County, Wash.; and Milwaukee County, Wis.) more than 50 percent higher for girls when the older girls are included. The percentage difference in rates of the two California courts, with original jurisdiction under 18 years and concurrent jurisdiction under 21, is about the same as in courts having jurisdiction under 17 years.

The delinquency rate of a court is also affected by the relative numbers of white and Negro children in the areas served. Rates have been calculated separately for white and Negro children for 14 courts that had reported to the bureau for 5 years serving areas in which 10,000 or more of the population were Negro. The rates for Negro children are consistently higher than for white children. (Table 5.) In 1931 rates for Negro boys were from slightly less than 2 to 4 times as large as the rates for white boys and for negro girls from less than 2 to more than 7 times as large as the rates for white girls. Rates for Negro boys in the 14 courts varied from 888 of every 10,000 of juvenile-court age in Mahoning County, Ohio, to 100 in Montgomery County, Pa., the rate for the 14 courts combined being 576; rates for Negro girls in 13 courts varied from 346 to 19, the rate for these 13 courts combined being 126.

Comparison of the rates for white children with the total rates for the same 14 courts, given in table 3, shows that the inclusion of Negro boys and girls had a much greater effect upon the total rate of some courts than of others. For example, rates for white and Negro boys in the District of Columbia and in Buffalo are comparable although not identical. The total rate for boys in 1931 in Buffalo (198) was only 5 percent higher than the rate for white boys, whereas the total rate in the District of Columbia (417) was 74 percent higher than the rate for white boys. This marked effect of the Negro rate upon the total rate in the District of Columbia is due to the fact that more than a fourth of the boys of juvenile-court age in the District are Negroes. The rates for boys in 4 other courts (Marion County, Ind.; Franklin County and Hamilton County, Ohio, and Norfolk, Va.) were increased from 22 to 30 percent by the inclusion of Negro boys.

<sup>9</sup> The low rates in the Pennsylvania courts are partly due to the practice of taking many children before the police magistrates for preliminary hearing and decision as to whether their cases shall be referred to the juvenile court.



TABLE 4.—*Juvenile-delinquency rates per 10,000 boys and girls of juvenile-court age dealt with by courts having jurisdiction over 15 years of age and serving areas with 100,000 or more population in 1930; 1931*

Area served by court	Age of original court jurisdiction	Delinquency rates			
		Boys		Girls	
		7 to 15 years	7 to upper age limit	7 to 15 years	7 to upper age limit
California:					
San Diego County.....	Under 21.....	404	454	77	95
San Francisco County.....	do.....	65	74	17	24
District of Columbia.....	Under 17.....	368	417	56	64
Florida: Dade County.....	do.....	317	337	60	73
Louisiana:					
Caddo Parish.....	do.....	67	76	14	15
Orleans Parish.....	do.....	149	170	16	19
Indiana:					
Lake County.....	Under 18 (girls).....	(1)	(1)	31	41
Marion County.....	do.....	(1)	(1)	40	54
Iowa: Polk County.....	Under 18.....	166	202	46	57
Michigan:					
Kent County.....	Under 17.....	154	176	23	32
Wayne County.....	do.....	120	138	14	17
Minnesota:					
Hennepin County.....	Under 18.....	135	188	24	41
Ramsey County.....	do.....	68	106	20	36
Ohio:					
Franklin County.....	do.....	<sup>2</sup> 58	<sup>2</sup> 82	<sup>2</sup> 32	<sup>2</sup> 50
Hamilton County.....	do.....	221	294	67	104
Mahoning County.....	do.....	341	444	86	117
Montgomery County.....	do.....	97	121	60	75
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	do.....	243	310	32	43
Utah: Third District.....	do.....	253	320	35	65
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	do.....	275	422	71	96
Washington:					
Pierce County.....	do.....	34	50	20	25
Spokane County.....	do.....	212	324	36	59
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	do.....	269	370	35	68

<sup>1</sup> Age jurisdiction for boys under 16 years.<sup>2</sup> Based on official cases only.

Another significant factor to be considered in studying delinquency rates of individual courts is the extent to which the court is dealing with minor cases of delinquency as well as with those involving serious conduct problems. The number of cases dismissed by the court after a warning had been given or some adjustment made of the difficulty, or of cases held open without further action being anticipated, gives some indication of this situation, although some differences exist in the policies and procedures of the courts. In some courts children committing minor offenses may be placed under supervision of probation officers rather than be dismissed by the court. It is interesting to note that of the 16 courts serving areas of 100,000 or more population having a rate for boys of more than 200,<sup>10</sup> all, with the exception of the court in Norfolk, Va., had dismissed or indefinitely continued from 35 to 73 percent of the cases referred. (See table VIIIA, p. 48.) Most of these courts reported a large number of unofficial cases. (See table VII, p. 47.) On the other hand, all but 2 (Mobile County, Ala., and Caddo Parish, La.)

<sup>10</sup> Rates of more than 400: San Diego County, Calif.; District of Columbia; Mahoning County, Ohio; and Norfolk, Va. Rates of more than 300 but less than 400: Dade County, Fla.; Fulton County, Ga.; Baltimore, Md.; Multnomah County, Ore.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Third District, Utah; Spokane County, Wash.; and Milwaukee County, Wis. Rates of more than 200 but less than 300: Bridgeport, Conn.; Polk County, Iowa; Hudson County, N.J.; and Hamilton County, Ohio.

of the 12 courts having a rate of less than 100 <sup>11</sup> had dismissed only 20 percent or less of their cases, 2 (Allegheny County and Montgomery County, Pa.) having no dismissals.

TABLE 5.—*Juvenile-delinquency rates per 10,000 white and Negro boys and girls of juvenile-court age jurisdiction dealt with by courts serving areas with 100,000 or more total population and 10,000 or more Negro population in 1930; courts reporting throughout the period 1927-31*

Area served by court and sex of child	1927		1928		1929		1930		1931	
	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro
<b>BOYS</b>										
District of Columbia.....	234	922	275	892	265	808	229	866	239	865
Indiana:										
Lake County.....	139	189	126	256	54	115	97	160	77	172
Marion County.....	154	422	119	421	139	601	114	420	87	347
New Jersey:										
Hudson County.....	197	698	211	627	211	658	225	632	198	635
Mercer County.....	97	270	134	306	193	690	183	694	184	441
New York:										
Buffalo (city).....	154	102	163	333	157	454	173	444	189	655
New York (city).....	79	170	108	342	116	377	113	384	102	342
Westchester County.....	196	404	153	486	144	456	94	273	67	147
Ohio:										
Franklin County.....	154	589	133	435	55	332	159	1376	167	1225
Hamilton County.....	179	776	172	509	200	695	204	686	238	834
Mahoning County.....	411	935	443	1,105	459	1,011	463	1,006	415	888
Pennsylvania:										
Montgomery County.....	14	136	23	40	19	52	30	193	25	100
Philadelphia (city and county).....	245	761	238	713	269	809	295	788	269	788
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	345	712	284	630	394	817	331	756	327	623
<b>GIRLS</b>										
District of Columbia.....	30	171	35	182	39	169	20	160	21	160
Indiana:										
Lake County.....	61	163	49	109	32	117	62	197	35	124
Marion County.....	57	287	64	174	77	160	67	153	36	200
New Jersey:										
Hudson County.....	29	37	36	177	38	101	35	105	26	70
Mercer County.....	7	76	11	31	9	29	12	28	21	91
New York:										
Buffalo (city).....	10	75	13	41	12	113	17	58	16	76
New York (city).....	13	53	17	63	18	83	17	87	14	70
Westchester County.....	30	179	25	149	23	122	17	91	9	43
Ohio:										
Franklin County.....	54	164	59	109	50	134	146	160	141	128
Mahoning County.....	94	344	87	259	100	316	101	319	101	346
Pennsylvania:										
Montgomery County.....	5	33	4	21	3	10	4	29	3	19
Philadelphia (city and county).....	29	170	30	174	34	174	39	161	34	151
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	64	143	80	178	72	185	73	142	78	128

<sup>1</sup> Based on official cases only as unofficial cases were not reported in previous years.

The relation between the court and the police, the school department, and the social agencies will affect the number of children referred to the court and the juvenile-court delinquency rate. In some places all children arrested by the police are referred to the juvenile court, whereas in others the police themselves deal with many children, especially those committing minor offenses and violating traffic rules. The school department may deal with nearly all

<sup>11</sup> Mobile County, Ala.; San Francisco County, Calif.; Lake County, Ind.; Caddo Parish, La.; Erie County, Monroe County, and Westchester County, N.Y.; Allegheny County, Fayette County, and Montgomery County, Pa.; Greenville County, S.C.; and Pierce County, Wash. Franklin County, Ohio, was not included in this group, as the rate shown in table 3 does not include unofficial cases reported in 1930 and 1931.



truancy problems through its own agencies, or it may refer large numbers of attendance cases to the court.<sup>12</sup> If the school system includes such facilities for constructive work with problem children as a child-study department, visiting teachers, and well-trained attendance officers, it is probable that many cases, including other behavior problems as well as truancy, which would otherwise be dealt with by the courts, will be cared for by the schools.<sup>13</sup> The extent to which agencies doing case work with problem children or their families are available in the community, and the place that the court holds in the estimation of social agencies and the public, also influence the number of children referred.

### CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE CASES<sup>14</sup>

The ages of the children before the courts as delinquents were reported by all of the 143 courts dealing with delinquency cases. Information as to the nativity of the child and his parents, the place where he was living when referred to the court, and the marital status of his parents, was available only for the cases dealt with by 79 courts that reported individual cases on cards.<sup>15</sup>

#### AGE

The maximum age of original jurisdiction of the 143 courts varied from under 16 to under 21. One hundred and one courts had jurisdiction over delinquent children under 16 years of age;<sup>16</sup> 7 had jurisdiction under 17 years;<sup>17</sup> 29 had jurisdiction under 18 years;<sup>18</sup> and 2 had jurisdiction under 21 years.<sup>19</sup> Of the remaining 4 courts, 2 (in Indiana) had jurisdiction over delinquent boys under 16 and delinquent girls under 18, and 2 (in Illinois) had jurisdiction over boys under 17 and girls under 18.

The extent to which the age limitation of original jurisdiction of the courts affected the number of cases dealt with is shown in table 6.<sup>20</sup> Cases of children under 16 years of age were reported by all the courts. Of the total number of cases of boys for whom age was reported, 41,664 involved boys under 16 years of age; 48 percent of these cases involved boys of 14 or 15 years of age, the largest number of cases being those of 15-year-old boys. The concentration of girls' cases in these age groups is even more marked, as in 65 percent of the cases of girls under 16 years of age the children were 14 or 15 years of age.

<sup>12</sup> In Mahoning County, Ohio, the probation office and the school-attendance department handle jointly a number of unofficial cases.

<sup>13</sup> The practice in some jurisdictions of proceeding against the parents in cases of truancy reduces the number of children brought to court on that charge.

<sup>14</sup> In 1927 and 1928 tables showing age and social characteristics of the children involved in the cases were based on individual children, not cases. A comparison of tables relating to social data based on "children" and on "cases" revealed no significant differences in percent distribution. All tables for 1929, 1930, and 1931, therefore, are based on "cases", each child being counted as many times during a year as he was referred on a new complaint.

<sup>15</sup> Consolidated tables including all items on the cards are submitted by the court of Philadelphia, Pa.

<sup>16</sup> Fourteen in Alabama, 65 in Connecticut, 1 in Georgia, 1 in Maryland, 2 in New Jersey, 11 in New York, 1 in North Carolina, 5 in Pennsylvania, and 1 in South Carolina.

<sup>17</sup> One in the District of Columbia, 1 in Florida, 2 in Louisiana, and 3 in Michigan.

<sup>18</sup> Two in Iowa, 3 in Minnesota, 8 in Ohio, 1 in Oregon, 8 in Utah, 3 in Virginia, 2 in Washington, and 2 in Wisconsin.

<sup>19</sup> San Francisco County and San Diego County, Calif.

<sup>20</sup> The inclusion in the tables of a few cases of children beyond the age of original jurisdiction may be explained by the fact that some courts have jurisdiction beyond the age of original jurisdiction in certain situations; for example, a case in which the offense was committed before the age limit was reached, even though the case did not come to the attention of the court until afterward; and a case in which a child made a ward before reaching the age limit was brought before the court on a new complaint. Occasionally courts deal informally with children who are just beyond the age of juvenile-court jurisdiction.

In the courts having jurisdiction under 17 years of age more 15-year-old girls and boys had been referred to the court than children of any other age, the number of 16-year-old children being smaller. A different situation was found in the larger number of courts that have jurisdiction under 18 or under 21 years. In these courts cases of 16-year-old children (4,492) constituted the peak in cases of boys and girls reported, the number of cases of 17-year-old boys and girls (3,937) being smaller. The small number of cases of boys and girls of 18 years of age or over reported by San Diego and San Francisco, the only reporting courts having jurisdiction over children under 21, is undoubtedly affected by the fact that other courts have concurrent jurisdiction over cases of minors 18 years and older.

TABLE 6.—*Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 143 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Age of child	Delinquency cases									
	Total		Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and sex of child							
			Under 16 years <sup>2</sup>		Under 17 years		Under 18 years		Under 21 years <sup>3</sup>	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Total cases....	51, 278	8, 602	26, 620	3, 524	6, 554	925	16, 234	3, 780	1, 870	373
Under 10 years.....	2, 939	269	1, 891	142	233	28	727	77	88	22
10 years.....	2, 791	191	1, 837	116	298	9	605	56	51	10
11 years.....	3, 751	268	2, 414	160	459	22	828	82	50	4
12 years.....	5, 255	499	3, 347	277	589	34	1, 236	177	83	11
13 years.....	6, 880	921	4, 277	504	838	102	1, 645	285	120	30
14 years.....	9, 286	1, 715	5, 626	903	1, 202	207	2, 188	554	270	46
15 years.....	10, 762	2, 306	6, 246	1, 200	1, 376	252	2, 775	793	365	61
16 years.....	5, 162	1, 354	426	149	1, 238	211	3, 067	913	431	81
17 years.....	3, 259	847	52	25	81	11	2, 796	742	330	69
18 years and over.....	228	86	18	6	15	2	119	41	76	37
Not reported.....	965	146	486	37	225	47	248	60	6	2

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts only 139 reported boys' cases and 110 girls' cases.

<sup>2</sup> Includes truancy cases in Westchester and Rensselaer Counties, N.Y. (where jurisdiction to 17 years authorized by the State-wide education law is exercised).

<sup>3</sup> Includes only San Diego County and San Francisco County, Calif.

In tables IIA and IIB (pp. 39 and 40), which give information as to the age of boys and girls reported by individual courts, may be found some interesting differences in the age distribution of cases reported from different localities. In some courts the number of younger boys dealt with was unusually large, particularly in the courts of Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn.; Baltimore, Md.; and Mercer County, N.J. All these courts have jurisdiction over children under 16 years of age, and cases of boys under 12 constitute about a third of the number of cases in which age of the boy was reported. The proportion of cases of girls under 12 was much smaller in all these courts. In 6 courts having jurisdiction under 18 years (Hennepin County and Ramsey County, Minn.; Norfolk, Va.; Pierce County and Spokane County, Wash.; and Milwaukee, Wis.) the number of cases of 17-year-old boys was particularly large, being practically identical or larger than the number of cases of 16-year-old boys. A similar relation between cases of 16 and 17 year old girls was found in all these courts with the exception of the 2 in Washington, and also in Lake County, Ind., and Milwaukee County, Wis.

Table 7 shows the difference in age distribution in cases of white and colored children reported by 78 courts. Children under 14 years of age were involved in 49 percent of the cases of colored boys and 35 percent of the cases of colored girls, as compared with 38 percent of the cases of white boys and 20 percent of the cases of white girls. This larger proportion of younger colored children undoubtedly has some influence on the differences in the reasons for reference to the court, and in the dispositions made in cases of white and colored children, as shown in tables 17 and 21 (pp. 21 and 27).

TABLE 7.—*Age of white and colored boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 78 courts in 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Age of child	Delinquency cases										
	Total	Boys					Girls				
		White		Colored		Color not reported	White		Colored		Color not reported
		Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution		Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	
Total cases -----	48, 720	34, 172	-----	7, 245	-----	15	5, 670	-----	1, 617	-----	1
Age reported -----	47, 969	33, 693	100	7, 108	100	7	5, 579	100	1, 582	100	-----
Under 10 years -----	2, 311	1, 638	5	475	7	-----	143	3	55	3	-----
10 years -----	2, 153	1, 533	5	482	7	1	94	2	43	3	-----
11 years -----	3, 043	2, 203	7	633	9	-----	132	2	75	5	-----
12 years -----	4, 431	3, 152	9	877	12	2	273	5	127	8	-----
13 years -----	6, 112	4, 353	13	1, 008	14	1	499	9	251	16	-----
14 years -----	8, 740	6, 110	18	1, 253	18	1	1, 051	19	325	21	-----
15 years -----	10, 436	7, 236	21	1, 330	19	-----	1, 519	27	351	22	-----
16 years -----	6, 330	4, 329	13	711	10	-----	1, 050	19	240	15	-----
17 years -----	4, 099	2, 948	9	302	4	2	739	13	108	7	-----
18 years and over -----	314	191	1	37	1	-----	79	1	7	(?)	-----
Age not reported -----	751	479	-----	137	-----	8	91	-----	35	-----	1

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 78 (71 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information for correlating age and color.

<sup>2</sup> Less than 1 percent.

#### COLOR AND NATIVITY

Table 8 shows the color and nativity of the children dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts, and table 9 shows the nativity of the parents in cases of white native-born children, which constituted nearly three fourths of all the cases reported by the courts.

Colored boys were involved in about one fifth of the boys' cases and colored girls in about one fourth of the girls' cases. The majority of the colored children were Negroes, only 41 boys and 12 girls belonging to other races.<sup>21</sup> Tables IIIA and IIIB (pp. 41 and 42), which give details as to color and nativity of children in cases reported by individual courts, show that much variation exists in the proportion of cases of colored children reported from different localities. In courts serving areas with a large Negro population cases of Negro boys and girls may constitute from one third to nearly two thirds of the cases brought to the court; as, for example, in the District of Columbia;

<sup>21</sup> In this report Mexican children are classified as white, following the plan used in the 1920 census. In all future reports it is planned to classify Mexican children separately. In a few localities, such as San Diego and Lake County, Ind., a large number of Mexican children were brought to the court.

Fulton County, Ga.; Marion County, Ind.; Caddo Parish and Orleans Parish, La.; and Norfolk, Va.

Among the cases of white children only a few were of children of foreign birth. This is doubtless due in part to the fact that a smaller proportion of the foreign-born white population than of the native-born white population is of juvenile-court age.

TABLE 8.—*Color and nativity of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Color and nativity of child	Delinquency cases			
	Boys		Girls	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	47,956		8,154	
Color reported.....	47,941	100	8,153	100
White.....	38,959	81	6,247	77
Native.....	35,482	74	5,804	71
Foreign born.....	742	2	116	1
Nativity not reported.....	2,735	6	327	4
Colored.....	8,982	19	1,906	23
Color not reported.....	15		1	

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information on color and nativity.

Information is given in table 9 as to the nativity of the parents of the native-born white children in 33,629 cases of delinquent boys and in 5,561 cases of delinquent girls. In nearly half (47 percent) of the cases of native-born white boys one or both parents were foreign born. The proportion was somewhat smaller (37 percent) in the cases of native-born white girls. In a steadily expanding reporting area the character of the population served by the courts will change slightly from year to year, but the figures as to parent nativity obtained during a 5-year period show consistently that foreign-born parentage is less usual among delinquent native-born white girls than it is in a similar group of boys. Traditions in some nationality groups as to family control of the activities of girls may have some influence on this situation.

TABLE 9.—*Parent nativity of native white boys and girls*<sup>1</sup> *dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931*<sup>2</sup>

Parent nativity	Delinquency cases of native white children			
	Boys		Girls	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	33,629	100	5,561	100
Native parentage.....	17,877	53	3,193	63
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	15,752	47	2,068	37

<sup>1</sup> Excludes cases of children for whom parent nativity was not reported.

<sup>2</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information on parent nativity.



## PLACE CHILD WAS LIVING WHEN REFERRED TO COURT, AND MARITAL STATUS OF PARENTS

Tables 10 and 11 give information in regard to the home conditions of delinquent children. The cases reported in 1931, as well as those reported in each of the preceding years, give evidence of rather striking differences in the home conditions of boys and girls who had become delinquent. This difference between boys' and girls' cases is probably due to several factors.

TABLE 10.—*Place boys and girls were living when referred to court in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Place child was living when referred to court	Delinquency cases			
	Boys		Girls	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	47, 956	-----	8, 154	-----
Place reported.....	45, 172	100	7, 635	100
In own home.....	41, 921	93	6, 433	84
With both own parents.....	29, 724	66	3, 616	47
With mother and stepfather.....	2, 275	5	658	9
With father and stepmother.....	966	2	289	4
With mother only.....	6, 698	15	1, 378	18
With father only.....	2, 253	5	492	6
In other family home.....	2, 549	6	931	12
In institution.....	241	1	133	2
In other place.....	461	1	138	2
Place not reported.....	2, 784	-----	519	-----

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information on place child was living when referred to court.

In two thirds of the boys' cases, but in less than one half of the girls' cases, for which this information was reported, the children were living with both their own parents when they were referred to court. A correspondingly larger proportion of the girls were living with one parent or were separated from both parents. Death of one or both parents had occurred in 21 percent of the boys' cases as compared with 30 percent of the girls' cases. In 10 percent of the boys' cases and in 17 percent of the girls' cases the parents were separated because of divorce, desertion of one parent, or other reason. The lack of normal family life may play a more significant part in the delinquency of girls than of boys. Boys may find it easier to develop compensating outside interests than do girls when home conditions are unsatisfactory. It is generally conceded that the difficulties which bring girls into court are usually more serious in character and probably more clearly related to home conditions than are the difficulties of boys.

TABLE 11.—*Marital status of parents, according to place child was living when referred to court, in boys' and in girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Marital status of parents	Delinquency cases										
	Place child was living when referred to court										
	Total	In own home						In other family home	In institution	In other place	Not re-ported
		Total	With both own parents	With mother and step-father	With father and step-mother	With mother only	With father only				
Total cases .....	56, 110	48, 354	33, 340	2, 933	1, 255	8, 076	2, 750	3, 480	374	599	3, 303
Boys' cases .....	47, 956	41, 921	29, 724	2, 275	966	6, 698	2, 258	2, 549	241	461	2, 784
Married and living together .....	30, 047	29, 700	29, 700					126	53	168	
Divorced .....	1, 887	1, 656		600	122	741	193	166	5	55	5
Mother deserting father .....	186	160				25	135	22	2	2	
Father deserting mother .....	964	880		6		868	6	68	11	5	
Separated for other reasons .....	1, 348	1, 124	1	2	1	923	197	165	32	21	6
Both parents dead .....	964							892	20	52	
Father dead .....	5, 520	5, 213		1, 360		3, 853		219	34	53	1
Mother dead .....	3, 073	2, 444			754		1, 690	496	45	86	2
Not married to each other .....	591	334	23	89	4	208	10	231	20	6	
Other status .....	42							37	4	1	
Status not reported .....	3, 334	410		218	85	80	27	127	15	12	2, 770
Girls' cases .....	8, 154	6, 433	3, 616	658	289	1, 378	492	931	133	138	519
Married and living together .....	3, 786	3, 610	3, 610					99	26	50	1
Divorced .....	552	454		203	33	175	43	64	15	17	2
Mother deserting father .....	56	46			1	7	38	8		2	
Father deserting mother .....	255	225		11		212	2	26	3	1	
Separated for other reasons .....	386	275		3		240	32	83	17	10	1
Both parents dead .....	272							247	15	8	2
Father dead .....	1, 159	1, 027		359		668		86	25	20	1
Mother dead .....	850	598			232		366	215	19	17	1
Not married to each other .....	162	83	6	20	8	45	4	67	6	6	
Other status .....	6							5		1	
Status not reported .....	670	115		62	15	31	7	31	7	6	511

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information on marital status of parents and place child was living when referred to court.

### SOURCE OF REFERENCE TO COURT

Table 12 shows the source of reference to the court in delinquency cases dealt with by the 79 courts that reported on this point.

TABLE 12.—*Source of reference to court of delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Source of reference to court	Delinquency cases	
	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	56, 110	-----
Source reported.....	55, 964	100
Police.....	35, 478	63
School department.....	4, 046	7
Probation officer.....	3, 099	6
Other court.....	393	1
Social agency.....	779	1
Parents or relatives.....	4, 608	8
Individual.....	7, 259	13
Other source.....	302	1
Source not reported.....	146	-----

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 furnished information on source of reference to court.

Some indication of the relationship of a court to the community may be gained from data on cases of delinquent children showing the proportion referred to the court by parents and relatives, other individuals, and social agencies. These proportions differ from one court to another because one court may be regarded as a general agency to deal with all conduct problems, whereas another court is considered as an agency to deal only with cases of marked conflict with public authority. Furthermore, in some localities all children brought to the attention of the police are referred to the court, whereas in other localities many cases are dealt with directly by the police. More than three fifths of the cases shown in table 12 were reported by the police. Parents and relatives or other individuals referred one fifth of the cases. School departments and probation officers were the next most important sources of reference.<sup>22</sup>

Table IV (p. 43), which gives details for individual courts, shows that the police referred more than four fifths of the cases dealt with by six courts (Baltimore, Md.; Buffalo and Syracuse, N.Y.; Philadelphia and Montgomery County, Pa.; and Milwaukee County, Wis.); parents, relatives, and other individuals reported more than one third of the cases to another group of courts (Mobile County, Ala.; Dade County, Fla.; Marion County, Ind.; Polk County, Iowa; Caddo Parish, La.; and New York City, N.Y.). Great variation was found in the extent to which school departments were reporting cases to the courts. This probably reflects differences in the provision made by the schools for dealing with conduct problems of school children. In five courts (Lake County, Ind.; Rensselaer County and Westchester County, N.Y.; and Mahoning County and Montgomery County, Ohio), more than one fifth of the cases were referred by school departments.

#### PLACE OF CARE PENDING HEARING OR DISPOSITION

Table 13 gives information as to the places in which delinquent children were cared for pending hearing or disposition of their cases. It also shows the differences in the type of the detention care in different age groups. Proportionately, detention was used more often in cases of boys of 16 and 17 years of age, and in cases of girls of 18 years and older.

The type of detention care given varied according to the facilities available in the local community, detention homes or other institutions and jails or police stations being the places most frequently used. Detention homes were used in two thirds of the cases of children whom it was considered necessary to hold pending hearing or disposition of their cases. Of the 41 courts serving cities or counties of 100,000 or more population that reported detention care, 29 were using detention homes. Although a number of courts reported the use of institutions other than detention homes, including the institutional resources of private agencies, the majority of the cases in which children were so cared for were reported by the New York City court, where a cooperative arrangement exists with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. (See table V, p. 44.) Boarding homes were

<sup>22</sup> Some courts may have reported the person signing the petition rather than the person making the original complaint, thus reporting "probation officer" as the source in cases actually referred by others.

used for a small number of cases only, and more often for girls than for boys. A jail or police station was used for detention in 8 percent of the boys' cases and in 2 percent of the girls' cases.

TABLE 13.—Place of care pending hearing or disposition and age of boys and of girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Place of detention care and sex of child	Delinquency cases									
	Total	Age of child								Age not re-ported
		Under 14 years		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over		
		Num-ber	Per-cent dis-tribu-tion	Num-ber	Per-cent dis-tribu-tion	Num-ber	Per-cent dis-tribu-tion	Num-ber	Per-cent dis-tribu-tion	
Total cases.....	56, 110	21, 561		22, 659		10, 465		314		1, 111
Boys' cases.....	47, 956	19, 592		18, 850		8, 321		228		965
No detention care.....	29, 684	13, 159		11, 195		4, 726		134		470
Detention care overnight or longer..	16, 944	6, 014		7, 158		3, 520		90		162
Place of care reported.....	16, 943	6, 014	100	7, 157	100	3, 520	100	90	100	162
Boarding home or other fam-ily home.....	86	29	(2)	41	1	13	(2)	2	2	1
Detention home <sup>2</sup> .....	11, 420	4, 268	71	4, 652	65	2, 352	67	50	56	98
Other institution.....	3, 902	1, 627	27	2, 091	29	148	4	3	3	33
Jail or police station <sup>4</sup> .....	1, 338	69	1	316	4	889	25	34	38	30
Other place of care <sup>5</sup> .....	197	21	(2)	57	1	118	3	1	1	
Place of care not reported.....	1			1						
Not reported whether detention care was given.....	1, 328	419		497		75		4		333
Girls' cases.....	8, 154	1, 969		3, 809		2, 144		86		146
No detention care.....	4, 120	1, 195		1, 729		1, 100		35		61
Detention care overnight or longer..	3, 726	700		1, 932		1, 001		50		43
Place of care reported.....	3, 725	700	100	1, 932	100	1, 000	100	50	100	43
Boarding home or other fam-ily home.....	97	17	2	42	2	35	4			3
Detention home <sup>3</sup> .....	2, 482	439	63	1, 200	62	775	78	41	82	27
Other institution.....	986	235	34	630	33	111	11	1	2	9
Jail or police station <sup>4</sup> .....	90	4	1	23	1	52	5	7	14	4
Other place of care <sup>5</sup> .....	70	5	1	37	2	27	3	1	2	
Place of care not reported.....	1					1				
Not reported whether detention care was given.....	308	74		148		43		1		42

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information for correlating place of detention care and age of child.

<sup>2</sup> Less than 1 percent.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in detention homes and part of the time elsewhere, but excludes cases of children also held in jails or police stations.

<sup>4</sup> Includes a few cases of children cared for part of the time in jails or police stations and part of the time elsewhere.

<sup>5</sup> Includes a few cases of children held in more than one place of care but in places other than detention homes, jails, or police stations.

Little difference was found in the types of detention care given to boys and girls in the two age groups under 16 years, although detention in a jail or police station was used more often for boys of 14 and 15 years of age than for girls of these ages (table 13). A smaller proportion of boys and girls of 16 and over than of those under 16 were



given care in detention homes and other institutions and a larger proportion were held in jails or police stations.<sup>23</sup>

Jails or police stations were used for detention in 25 percent of the cases of boys of 16 and 17 years old who needed detention, and in 38 percent of the cases of boys of 18 years and over. Comparison with figures obtained in 1929 and 1930 shows that the proportion of cases of boys of 16 years and over detained in jail has steadily decreased. Changes or extension in detention facilities, which have made it possible to hold children in other places than jails, have contributed to this decrease. For example, in one court the number of cases of children detained in jails or police stations was 201 less in 1931 than in 1930 because of changes in the detention home, which provided greater security against escape.

Some differences were found in the use of detention in cases of white and colored children. Detention of the boy or girl away from home pending hearing or disposition was thought to be necessary in a larger proportion of the cases of colored children than of white children. This greater use of detention for colored children is notable in every age period. The types of detention facilities used for colored children differed little from those used for white children. However, jail detention was found proportionately less often in cases of colored children than of white children, due perhaps to the smaller proportion of colored children than of white children who were 16 years of age or more.

#### NUMBER OF TIMES CHILDREN WERE REFERRED TO COURT

A problem of special concern to juvenile courts is the extent to which children are returned to the court for repeated delinquencies. Some information on this subject is given in table 14. The 56,110 delinquency cases dealt with by the 79 courts that reported on this point affected 49,460 children, 41,824 boys and 7,636 girls. More than one fifth of these children (11,201) had been dealt with also in a previous year. This number does not represent, however, the total number of children who had been brought before the court more than once, since 6,650 cases, 12 percent of the total number, represented recurrences of delinquency during the year. It is impossible to tell the actual number of children involved in these 6,650 cases, as a few children may have been returned to the court several times during the year for different offenses, whereas others may have been returned only once.

TABLE 14.—*Previous court experience of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931*<sup>a</sup>

Previous court experience	Delinquency cases		
	Total	Boys	Girls
Total cases.....	56, 110	47, 956	8, 154
Child never previously dealt with.....	38, 259	31, 753	6, 506
Child last dealt with in a previous calendar year.....	11, 201	10, 071	1, 130
Child last dealt with in this calendar year.....	6, 650	6, 132	518

<sup>a</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information on previous court experience.

<sup>23</sup> A few courts stated that a "detention room" for children was located in the courthouse or in the jail. Detention in a special room of the courthouse was classified as "other", but detention in the same building as the jail was classified as detention in jail.

A larger percentage of the boys (24) than of the girls (15) had been dealt with by the court in a previous year. A similar difference is found in the percentage of cases of boys and of girls that involved recurrences of delinquency during 1931. Thirteen percent of the boys' cases, as compared with 6 percent of the girls' cases, represented additional offenses committed during the year.

#### REASONS FOR REFERENCE TO COURT

The character of the offenses for which children are brought into court is shown in table 15. Information as to the reason for reference was obtained from all the reporting courts. In nearly half of the boys' cases (45 percent) the boys were sent to court for some type of stealing. In another large group of cases (30 percent) they had been charged with committing acts of carelessness or mischief or with traffic offenses, which also are due to carelessness or irresponsibility.<sup>24</sup> It is generally accepted that the reasons for which boys are referred to court represent delinquency problems different from those which bring girls into court. The closely related offenses of running away, being ungovernable, and sex offenses were reported in nearly two thirds (63 percent) of the girls' cases, whereas stealing and acts of carelessness and mischief were the reasons for reference to the court in a much smaller proportion of the cases (23 percent). Although the actual number of boys charged with truancy and running away was larger than the number of girls, such cases constituted a much smaller percentage of the boys' cases. A larger percentage of the boys' cases than of the girls' cases involved injury to persons and traffic violation, but the percentage of cases dealt with because of the use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs was the same for boys and for girls.

TABLE 15.—Reason for reference to court of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 143 courts during 1931<sup>a</sup>

Reason for reference to court	Delinquency cases			
	Boys		Girls	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	51, 278	-----	8, 602	-----
Reason reported.....	51, 190	100	8, 564	100
Automobile stealing.....	2, 586	5	16	( <sup>b</sup> )
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	6, 429	13	63	1
Hold-up.....	337	1	7	( <sup>b</sup> )
Other stealing.....	13, 763	27	1, 008	12
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	13, 706	27	781	9
Traffic violation.....	1, 625	3	90	1
Truancy.....	2, 982	6	885	10
Running away.....	3, 123	6	1, 311	15
Ungovernable.....	3, 048	6	2, 335	27
Sex offense.....	812	2	1, 709	20
Injury to person.....	1, 304	3	157	2
Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs.....	397	1	112	1
Other reason.....	1, 078	2	90	1
Reason not reported.....	88	-----	38	-----

<sup>a</sup> Of the 143 courts only 139 reported boys' cases and 110, girls' cases.

<sup>b</sup> Less than 1 percent.

<sup>24</sup> In 1927, 1928, and 1929 "traffic violation" was included under "acts of carelessness and mischief."

Although an attempt is being made to secure uniformity in the use of terms, the reasons reported for referring children to courts as delinquents give a very incomplete picture of their behavior problems. A child may have committed several offenses at or about the same time and yet be referred to court for only one of them. The specific offense for which he is referred may be much less serious than the offenses discovered in the court by the social investigation. When the case is investigated before the filing of a petition instead of afterward, the formal charge is usually more accurate, but even in such cases the offense stated in the complaint may reflect the desire of the court to protect the child. For example, a girl may be charged with incorrigibility instead of a sex offense, a boy with mischief instead of stealing, or a charge of burglary and entry may be reduced to trespassing and taking the property of another. These differences in the attitudes and practices of the court are apparent in the proportion of cases referred for various reasons by the different courts. (See tables VIa and VIb, pp. 45 and 46.)

Table 16<sup>25</sup> shows that the type of offenses committed by children varies with their age, reflecting changing interests and pursuits. As the largest number of cases were those of children 14 and 15 years of age, the number of cases of each type of offense, except traffic violations, was largest in this age group. Within each age group, however, certain types of offenses were more usual than others. The offenses committed by girls under 12 years of age correspond somewhat more closely to those committed by boys of similar age than did the offenses of older girls to those of older boys. As would be expected, a larger proportion of the children under 12 years of age than of those in any other age group were brought before the court for acts of carelessness and mischief. Stealing was the major offense in boys' cases in all age groups except under 10 years, although the type of stealing changed as the boys grew older. Older boys were more often charged with automobile stealing and with stealing or attempted stealing from a person, accompanied by intimidation or violence, whereas other types of stealing, including minor thefts and shoplifting, were reported more often in cases of younger children. The percentage of cases of girls who ran away, were ungovernable, or committed sex offenses was much larger in the older age groups, the charge of sex offense being used most often in cases of girls of 18 years of age or over.

Table 17 shows the types of offenses reported in cases of white and colored children. As has been shown on page 11, a larger proportion of the colored children than of the white children were under 14 years of age, and it is probable that this difference in age distribution is reflected in the offenses reported. A slightly larger percentage of the cases of colored boys (59) than of cases of white boys (52) were referred for "other" stealing and acts of carelessness or mischief, offenses that are proportionately more often reported in cases of younger than of older boys. In the majority of cases of colored boys, however, "other" stealing had been the charge made, whereas in cases of white boys charges of acts of carelessness or mischief predominated. Automobile stealing and traffic violation, both of which are offenses of older boys, were reported in a much smaller percentage of cases of colored boys than of white boys. In girls' cases a similar situation

<sup>25</sup> The totals in table 15 do not agree with those in tables 16 and 17, as detailed information was available for only 79 courts.



is found. Twenty-seven percent of the cases of colored girls, as compared with only 18 percent of the cases of white girls, involved "other" stealing or acts of carelessness or mischief, offenses with which girls under 14 were more often charged. A larger proportion of colored girls than of white girls were referred to the court because of being ungovernable, and a smaller proportion were referred for sex offenses.

TABLE 16.—Reason for reference to court of boys and girls of each age period dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Reason for reference to court and sex of child	Delinquency cases							
	Age of child							Age not reported
	Total	Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	
Total cases.....	56, 110	2, 832	6, 319	12, 410	22, 659	10, 465	314	1, 111
Boys' cases.....	47, 956	2, 591	5, 911	11, 090	18, 850	8, 321	228	965
Automobile stealing.....	2, 485	26	57	312	1, 279	767	17	27
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	6, 046	289	805	1, 565	2, 466	835	13	68
Hold-up.....	305	5	16	53	126	89	12	4
Other stealing.....	12, 750	641	1, 760	3, 426	4, 904	1, 766	53	200
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	12, 594	1, 033	1, 957	3, 214	4, 605	1, 421	41	273
Traffic violation.....	1, 605		5	29	370	1, 150	29	22
Truancy.....	2, 865	97	281	537	1, 339	594	4	13
Running away.....	3, 018	130	319	632	1, 152	506	15	234
Ungovernable.....	2, 911	203	393	684	1, 183	399	12	37
Sex offense.....	743	25	67	134	282	224	8	8
Injury to person.....	1, 223	65	165	302	474	168	4	45
Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs.....	394		5	28	131	214	9	7
Other reason.....	924	20	67	157	462	188	6	24
Reason not reported.....	88	7	14	17	47			3
Girls' cases.....	8, 154	241	408	1, 320	3, 809	2, 144	86	146
Automobile stealing.....	16		2		9	4	1	
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	62	4	12	14	19	12		1
Hold-up.....	6		1	1	2	2		
Other stealing.....	921	44	94	234	380	153	3	13
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	740	89	86	183	238	117		27
Traffic violation.....	90			4	21	62	1	2
Truancy.....	858	19	22	94	432	282	2	7
Running away.....	1, 276	11	38	168	718	304	14	23
Ungovernable.....	2, 232	39	87	380	1, 146	529	21	30
Sex offense.....	1, 579	19	42	174	690	583	37	34
Injury to person.....	151	13	18	37	57	22	1	3
Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs.....	110		2	14	45	45	1	3
Other reason.....	75	2	2	12	27	27	4	1
Reason not reported.....	38	1	2	5	25	2	1	2

<sup>1</sup>Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information for correlating reason for reference to court and age of child.

A smaller percentage of colored children than of white children were referred for truancy. Three fourths of the cases of colored children were reported by nine courts.<sup>26</sup> It is probable that the small amount of reported truancy among colored children is influenced by the methods of dealing with truancy problems in these nine localities. Children had been referred to the court for truancy in only 4 percent of the cases reported by these courts, as compared with 6 percent of the cases reported by the entire number of courts. The development of special facilities in the schools for constructive work with truants,

<sup>26</sup> District of Columbia; Fulton County, Ga.; Orleans Parish, La.; Baltimore, Md.; Wayne County, Mich.; New York City, N. Y.; Franklin and Hamilton Counties, Ohio; and Philadelphia, Pa. Each of these courts reported more than 400 cases of colored children.

and the practice in some courts of proceeding against the parents rather than of dealing with the child, are measures that reduce the number of children brought to court on the charge of truancy. It is possible of course that in some of these communities less attention is paid to the absence of colored children from school.

TABLE 17.—Reason for reference to court and color of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Reason for reference to court and sex of child	Delinquency cases						Children whose color was not reported
	Total		White children		Colored children		
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	
Total cases.....	56, 110	-----	45, 206	-----	10, 888	-----	16
Boys' cases.....	47, 956	-----	38, 959	-----	8, 982	-----	15
Reason reported.....	47, 868	100	38, 896	100	8, 957	100	15
Automobile stealing.....	2, 485	5	2, 171	6	314	4	-----
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	6, 046	13	5, 047	13	999	11	-----
Hold-up.....	305	1	210	1	95	1	-----
Other stealing.....	12, 750	27	9, 628	25	3, 121	35	1
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	12, 594	26	10, 420	27	2, 162	24	12
Traffic violation.....	1, 605	3	1, 521	4	84	1	-----
Truancy.....	2, 865	6	2, 455	6	409	5	1
Running away.....	3, 018	6	2, 512	6	506	6	-----
Ungovernable.....	2, 911	6	2, 352	6	559	6	-----
Sex offense.....	748	2	649	2	99	1	-----
Injury to person.....	1, 223	3	843	2	379	4	1
Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs.....	394	1	321	1	73	1	-----
Other reason.....	924	2	767	2	157	2	-----
Reason not reported.....	88	-----	63	-----	25	-----	-----
Girls' cases.....	8, 154	-----	6, 247	-----	1, 906	-----	1
Reason reported.....	8, 116	100	6, 224	100	1, 891	100	1
Automobile stealing.....	16	(2)	15	(2)	1	(2)	-----
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	62	1	49	1	13	1	-----
Hold-up.....	6	(2)	2	(2)	4	(2)	-----
Other stealing.....	921	11	677	11	244	13	-----
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	740	9	472	8	267	14	1
Traffic violation.....	90	1	86	1	4	(2)	-----
Truancy.....	858	11	747	12	111	6	-----
Running away.....	1, 276	16	1, 051	17	225	12	-----
Ungovernable.....	2, 232	28	1, 636	26	596	32	-----
Sex offense.....	1, 579	19	1, 297	21	282	15	-----
Injury to person.....	151	2	60	1	91	5	-----
Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs.....	110	1	82	1	28	1	-----
Other reason.....	75	1	50	1	25	1	-----
Reason not reported.....	38	-----	23	-----	15	-----	-----

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information for correlating reason for reference to court and color of child.

<sup>2</sup> Less than 1 percent.

## DISPOSITIONS

The dispositions made by the court in boys' and girls' delinquency cases and the extent to which such cases were dealt with officially or unofficially are shown in table 18.

TABLE 18.—*Disposition and manner of handling boys' and girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 143 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Disposition of case and sex of child	Delinquency cases					
	Total		Official		Unofficial <sup>2</sup>	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	59,880	-----	38,060	-----	21,820	-----
<b>Boys' cases</b> .....	51,278	-----	32,688	-----	18,590	-----
Disposition reported.....	51,264	100	32,676	100	18,588	100
Child kept under supervision of court.....	16,391	32	14,272	44	2,119	11
Probation officer supervising.....	14,849	29	12,830	39	2,019	1
Agency or individual supervising.....	849	2	798	2	51	( <sup>3</sup> )
Under temporary care of an institution.....	693	1	644	2	49	( <sup>3</sup> )
Child not kept under supervision of court.....	31,999	62	15,871	49	16,128	87
Case dismissed or adjusted.....	22,854	45	9,388	29	13,466	72
Committed to:						
State institution for delinquents.....	1,712	3	1,712	5	-----	-----
Other institution for delinquents.....	2,046	4	2,046	6	-----	-----
Penal institution.....	90	( <sup>3</sup> )	90	( <sup>3</sup> )	-----	-----
Other institution.....	127	( <sup>3</sup> )	127	( <sup>3</sup> )	-----	-----
Agency or individual.....	231	( <sup>3</sup> )	231	1	-----	-----
Referred without commitment to:						
Institution.....	192	( <sup>3</sup> )	84	( <sup>3</sup> )	108	1
Agency or individual.....	613	1	224	1	389	2
Referred to other court.....	375	1	218	1	157	1
Restitution, fine, or costs ordered.....	1,903	4	1,477	5	426	2
Runaway returned.....	1,487	3	153	( <sup>3</sup> )	1,334	7
Other disposition of case.....	369	1	121	( <sup>3</sup> )	248	1
Case held open without further action.....	2,874	6	2,533	8	341	2
Disposition not reported.....	14	-----	12	-----	2	-----
<b>Girls' cases</b> .....	8,602	-----	5,372	-----	3,230	-----
Disposition reported.....	8,600	100	5,371	100	3,229	100
Child kept under supervision of court.....	3,036	35	2,601	48	435	13
Probation officer supervising.....	2,559	30	2,177	41	382	12
Agency or individual supervising.....	130	2	103	2	27	1
Under temporary care of an institution.....	347	4	321	6	26	1
Child not kept under supervision of court.....	5,059	59	2,435	45	2,624	81
Case dismissed or adjusted.....	2,819	33	942	18	1,877	58
Committed to:						
State institution for delinquents.....	507	6	507	9	-----	-----
Other institution for delinquents.....	503	6	503	9	-----	-----
Penal institution.....	1	( <sup>3</sup> )	1	( <sup>3</sup> )	-----	-----
Other institution.....	89	1	89	2	-----	-----
Agency or individual.....	140	2	140	3	-----	-----
Referred without commitment to:						
Institution.....	104	1	12	( <sup>3</sup> )	92	3
Agency or individual.....	320	4	56	1	264	8
Referred to other court.....	92	1	37	1	55	2
Restitution, fine, or costs ordered.....	68	1	43	1	25	1
Runaway returned.....	332	4	76	1	256	8
Other disposition of case.....	81	1	29	1	55	2
Case held open without further action.....	505	6	335	6	170	5
Disposition not reported.....	2	-----	1	-----	1	-----

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts, only 139 reported boys' cases and 110, girls' cases,<sup>2</sup> 69 courts reported unofficial cases,<sup>3</sup> Less than 1 percent.

The dispositions used by the courts have been classified into three major groups: (1) The court retained responsibility for the child and provided some form of care to assist him in overcoming his conduct difficulties; (2) the case was dismissed, responsibility for care of the children was transferred to an institution, agency, or individual, or some other final settlement of the case was made; (3) the case was held open so that the child could be brought back to the court if further difficulties developed, although such difficulties were not anticipated. The use of these three types of disposition varied greatly in the individual courts. (See tables VIIIA and VIIIB, pp. 48 and 50.) The court retained responsibility for only a small proportion of the children in a few localities, notably in Orleans Parish, La.;<sup>27</sup> Baltimore, Md.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Spokane County, Wash. On the other hand, in a few localities, such as Mercer County, N.J.; Syracuse, N.Y.; and Allegheny County, Pa., the court retained responsibility for the children in the majority of the cases. Holding the case open without anticipation of further action was used more often in Fulton County, Ga.; Marion County, Ind.; Orleans Parish, La.; and Hennepin County, Minn., than in other localities.

Table 18 shows that in about one third of the cases the children had remained under supervision of the court. In the largest proportion of these cases the children had been under care of probation officers in their own homes or other family homes. In the remaining cases in this group immediate care was given by an institution or agency. Reports of cases dismissed from supervision by the courts (see p. 35) show that in many cases in which the children were receiving care from an institution or agency while the court retained responsibility, the children after a period of temporary care, usually in an institution,<sup>28</sup> were returned to their homes under care of probation officers. In 62 percent of the boys' cases and in 59 percent of the girls' cases the courts did not retain responsibility for the children. The majority of these children were dismissed, usually after a warning had been given or some adjustment of the difficulty had been made.

Dismissals, either with or without warning or adjustment, and orders of restitution, fine, or costs<sup>29</sup> were proportionately more frequent in boys' cases than in girls' cases, whereas commitments or referrals to institutions or agencies were more frequent in girls' cases.

Marked differences are found in the types of disposition used in official and unofficial cases. In boys' cases 72 percent of the unofficial cases as compared with 29 percent of the official cases were dismissed. A similar situation is found in cases of girls, 58 percent of the unofficial cases as compared with 18 percent of the official cases being dismissed. As the majority of cases of children referred but not committed to institutions and of cases of runaways returned to their homes were dealt with unofficially, these dispositions were proportionately more often used in unofficial cases.

<sup>27</sup> Although no cases were reported as retained under the supervision of the court in Orleans Parish, La., children had been under supervision of probation officers in a number of cases classified as being "held open without further action."

<sup>28</sup> A large proportion of the children placed under care of an agency while remaining under supervision of the court were cared for in an institution maintained by the agency.

<sup>29</sup> The relative use of orders for restitution or for payment of fine or costs was available only for the 79 courts reporting separately on these two types of orders. Of the total group of 1,839 cases of boys and 64 cases of girls in which orders for restitution, fines, and costs were made by these courts, payment of fines or costs was required in 1,014 cases of boys and 35 cases of girls.



Although more than a third of the delinquency cases had been dealt with unofficially, less than half of the courts reported unofficial cases, 20 of these being courts serving areas of 100,000 or more population. (See table VII, p. 47.) In many of these courts the majority of the cases reported were unofficial; seven courts (Franklin County, Hamilton County, Mahoning County, and Montgomery County, Ohio; Multnomah County, Oreg.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Milwaukee County, Wis.) had dealt with 68 to 96 percent of their cases in this way.

Many factors are taken into consideration in making disposition of a child's case. The particular needs of a child, his home situation, and the character and number of his previous delinquencies are of major importance in deciding upon the treatment that is needed. Information is not available, however, for statistical study of these factors. The relationship of the age of the child and of his immediate offense to the disposition made by the court are shown in tables 19 and 20.<sup>30</sup>

It is to be expected that the dispositions of cases of children under 12 years of age, especially those of children under 10, would be somewhat different from the dispositions made of cases of older children. Table 19<sup>31</sup> shows that a larger proportion of cases of younger children were dismissed after warning or adjustment of the difficulty or were held open without further action being anticipated. Supervision by probation officers was used more often in cases of children between 12 and 16 years of age than in those of children of other age groups. The percentage of cases of children of these age groups committed or referred to an institution was also slightly larger than in other age groups. Further analysis of the figures reveals that the proportion of children committed to State institutions for delinquent children and to penal institutions increased steadily as the ages of the children increased. Ninety boys and one girl had been committed to penal institutions. The ages of 20 of these children were not given, but of the remainder 16<sup>32</sup> were under 16 years of age at the time of commitment. Orders of restitution, fines, or costs were used in about the same proportion of cases in all age groups. Return of runaways and referral to another court constituted a large proportion of the cases classified as "other" dispositions. Referral to another court was used more often in cases of older boys and girls, which accounts for the larger proportion of "other" dispositions in cases of children 16 years of age or older.

Table 20 shows the relation between the types of offenses committed by boys and girls and the dispositions of their cases. The majority of the boys placed under supervision of probation officers or committed or referred to institutions, agencies, or individuals had been referred to the court in cases of stealing. The majority of the girls given these types of treatment had been charged with the closely allied offenses of running away, being ungovernable, or sex offenses. As would be expected, a large majority of the orders for restitution, fines, or costs were made in cases of stealing or acts of carelessness or mischief. Return of runaways and referral to another court are the most im-

<sup>30</sup> The totals in table 18 do not agree with those in tables 19 and 20, as detailed information for these tables was available for only 79 courts.

<sup>31</sup> In tables 19, 20, and 21 dispositions have been grouped so as to show the type of care given without regard to retention of responsibility by the court.

<sup>32</sup> Caddo Parish, La., 10 cases; Norfolk, Va., 3 cases; New York City, 2 cases; First District, Utah, 1 case.



portant of the dispositions classified as "other." Of the 426 cases of boys and girls referred to other courts, 239 had been referred for stealing.

TABLE 19.—Disposition of cases of boys and of girls of each age period dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

Disposition of case and sex of child	Delinquency cases							
	Total	Age of child						
		Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	Age not reported
Total cases.....	56, 110	2, 832	6, 319	12, 410	22, 659	10, 465	314	1, 111
Boys' cases.....	47, 956	2, 591	5, 911	11, 090	18, 850	8, 321	228	965
Dismissed, adjusted, or held open without further action.....	24, 130	1, 669	3, 180	5, 402	9, 181	4, 129	109	460
Supervised by probation officer.....	13, 587	526	1, 555	3, 378	5, 694	2, 247	44	143
Committed or referred to an institution.....	4, 643	122	518	1, 084	2, 080	742	21	76
Committed or referred to an agency or individual.....	1, 628	98	230	410	651	208	7	24
Restitution, fine, or costs ordered.....	1, 839	117	265	455	599	354	12	37
Other disposition.....	2, 115	59	161	359	640	640	35	221
Disposition not reported.....	14	-----	2	2	5	1	-----	4
Girls' cases.....	8, 154	241	408	1, 320	3, 809	2, 144	86	146
Dismissed, adjusted, or held open without further action.....	3, 180	167	211	531	1, 284	893	38	56
Supervised by probation officer.....	2, 446	37	114	409	1, 300	539	15	32
Committed or referred to an institution.....	1, 447	16	45	212	777	357	15	25
Committed or referred to an agency or individual.....	552	15	22	106	220	170	7	12
Restitution, fine, or costs ordered.....	64	2	4	13	18	17	2	8
Other disposition.....	463	4	12	49	209	167	9	13
Disposition not reported.....	2	-----	-----	-----	1	1	-----	-----

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information for correlating disposition of case and age of child.

Some differences in the types of dispositions reported in cases of white and colored children are shown in table 21. Cases of white boys were more frequently disposed of by dismissal or indefinite continuances than were those of colored boys, and reference or commitment to an institution or to the care of an agency or individual was more frequent in the cases of colored boys. The opposite situation is to be found in girls' cases, dismissal or indefinite continuance being more frequent and agency or institutional care less frequent in cases of colored girls than of white girls. Return of runaways and referral to other courts included in "other" dispositions were used proportionately less often in cases of colored children than of white children.

TABLE 20.—Disposition and reason for reference to court of boys' and girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Delinquency cases													
Disposition of case and sex of child		Reason for reference to court											
		Total	Stealing	Act of carelessness or mischief	Traffic violation	Tuancy	Running away	Un-governable	Sex offense	Injury to person	Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs	Other reason	Reason not reported
Total cases.....		56, 110	22, 591	13, 334	1, 695	3, 723	4, 294	5, 143	2, 327	1, 374	504	999	126
Boys' cases.....		47, 956	21, 586	12, 594	1, 605	2, 865	3, 018	2, 911	748	1, 223	394	924	88
Dismissed, adjusted, or held open without further action.....		24, 130	8, 329	9, 749	1, 190	1, 250	661	1, 075	263	712	186	687	28
Supervised by probation officer.....		13, 587	8, 486	1, 490	168	968	511	1, 071	309	301	123	109	51
Committed or referred to an institution.....		4, 643	2, 801	263	5	484	299	564	90	86	24	22	6
Committed or referred to an agency or individual.....		1, 623	910	157	16	133	109	176	54	17	21	33	2
Restitution, fine, or costs ordered.....		1, 839	671	868	99	19	5	13	18	87	31	28	---
Other disposition.....		2, 115	384	65	127	10	1, 433	10	14	20	9	43	---
Disposition not reported.....		14	5	2	---	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	2
Girls' cases.....		8, 154	1, 005	740	90	858	1, 276	2, 232	1, 579	151	110	75	38
Dismissed, adjusted, or held open without further action.....		3, 180	399	564	78	480	230	786	473	88	35	38	9
Supervised by probation officer.....		2, 446	394	112	3	272	380	730	445	44	41	10	15
Committed or referred to an institution.....		1, 447	107	17	---	61	256	513	456	5	13	8	11
Committed or referred to an agency or individual.....		552	51	19	1	39	83	180	146	6	12	14	1
Restitution, fine, or costs ordered.....		64	26	21	3	1	---	4	---	6	---	3	---
Other disposition.....		463	28	7	5	5	327	19	---	9	2	---	---
Disposition not reported.....		2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information for correlating disposition of case and reason for reference to court.

TABLE 21.—Disposition of case and color of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 79 courts during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

Disposition of case and sex of child	Delinquency cases				
	Total	White children		Colored children	
		Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	56, 110	45, 206	-----	10, 888	-----
Boys' cases.....	47, 956	38, 959	-----	8, 982	-----
Disposition reported.....	47, 942	38, 949	100	8, 978	100
Dismissed, adjusted, or held open without further action.....	24, 130	19, 965	51	4, 150	46
Supervised by probation officer.....	13, 587	11, 090	28	2, 497	28
Committed or referred to an institution.....	4, 643	3, 549	9	1, 094	12
Committed or referred to an agency or individual.....	1, 628	1, 016	3	612	7
Restitution, fine, or costs ordered.....	1, 839	1, 565	4	274	3
Other disposition.....	2, 115	1, 764	5	351	4
Disposition not reported.....	14	10	-----	4	-----
Girls' cases.....	8, 154	6, 247	-----	1, 906	-----
Disposition reported.....	8, 152	6, 246	100	1, 905	100
Dismissed, adjusted, or held open without further action.....	3, 180	2, 366	38	813	43
Supervised by probation officer.....	2, 446	1, 574	30	572	30
Committed or referred to an institution.....	1, 447	1, 162	19	285	15
Committed or referred to an agency or individual.....	552	417	7	135	7
Restitution, fine, or costs ordered.....	64	37	1	27	1
Other disposition.....	463	390	6	73	4
Disposition not reported.....	2	1	-----	1	-----

<sup>1</sup> Of the 143 courts reporting delinquency cases, only 79 (72 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information for correlating disposition of case and color of child.

## DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASES

An analysis of dependency and neglect cases brought before 16 <sup>33</sup> courts serving areas of 100,000 or more population, which had reported such cases to the Children's Bureau during a 5-year period, shows that little change has occurred in the total number of dependency and neglect cases that had been dealt with. In a few courts there had been a slight but steady decrease in cases during the period and in others a slight increase. For the 16 courts the figures for the five years beginning with 1927 were 9,744 cases, 10,451 cases, 10,441 cases, 10,797 cases, and 10,518 cases.

In some of the smaller courts reporting cases in 1931, especially those serving rural areas, most of the court work was concerned with dependency problems. The large number of dependency cases in most of the small Alabama counties was due to the unofficial cases dealt with by the county welfare workers who also served as probation officers of the juvenile court. In most courts serving areas having 100,000 population or more and including cities which have a number of social agencies caring for children, the major activity of

<sup>33</sup> Bridgeport, Conn.; District of Columbia; Lake and Marion Counties, Ind.; Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, Minn.; Buffalo, Erie County, New York City, and Westchester County, N.Y.; Hamilton and Mahoning Counties, Ohio; Montgomery County and Philadelphia, Pa.; Norfolk, Va.; and Pierce County, Wash. Franklin County, Ohio, was omitted from this summary as unofficial cases were not reported before 1930.

the court was in connection with delinquency cases, but in four such areas (Allegheny County, Pa.; San Francisco County, Calif.; Dade County, Fla.; and Westchester County, N.Y.) the number of dependency and neglect cases exceeded the number of delinquency cases. (See table I, p. 38.)

In many cases brought to the juvenile court, neglect and unsatisfactory conduct are closely allied. Whether such cases will be dealt with as delinquency or as dependency and neglect depends upon the attitude of the court. One illustration of this is the increasing use of neglect rather than delinquency charges in Westchester County, N.Y., which has had some influence on the steadily dropping delinquency rate in this county, and the consequently increasing proportion of cases designated as neglect. The large number of dependency and neglect cases in Pittsburgh and San Francisco illustrates two different situations that may be found also in other courts. The juvenile court of Allegheny County, Pa., has undertaken a child-caring program for dependent children, including placement in family homes. In 871 of the 909 cases of dependent children dealt with by this court in 1931 the child was retained under the care of the probation officer. This public child-caring division is a separate administrative unit but is still maintained under the jurisdiction of the court. A large majority of the dependent children dealt with in 842 cases in San Francisco County were brought before the court in order to obtain county funds for their care. The statutes provide that the court may order the county to pay for the support of any ward of the court needing care. This provision enables the court to provide county funds for the care of children when custody is given to private child-caring agencies. The necessity for court commitment in order to obtain county funds for the support of children similarly affects the number of dependent children dealt with by the courts in counties having a county children's home or a public welfare agency that lacks authority to accept custody of children without commitment, as, for example, in Milwaukee and the District of Columbia. Limitation in county funds may be one of the reasons that no great increases have taken place in dependency cases brought to the juvenile court in 1931.

### CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE CASES

#### AGE, COLOR, AND NATIVITY

Table 22 gives information as to the age of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 140 courts. Nearly as many girls as boys were dealt with in these dependency and neglect cases, and the children were distributed fairly evenly in the age groups under 14 years. The number who were 14 and 15 years of age was slightly smaller than the number in the lower age groups, and the number 16 years of age or older was very small.

Information as to color and nativity was available for only 77 courts. As is shown in table 23, the great majority of the children concerned in dependency and neglect cases were white. In more than half of the cases the children were white native born of native parentage, the next largest group being white native born of mixed or foreign parentage. The foreign-born group was small. The character of the population served by the court affects the number of cases of children



belonging in these different groups that are brought before the court. Table IX (p. 52), which gives the details for individual courts, shows that nearly two thirds of the cases of foreign-born children were reported by New York City. One or both of the parents were foreign born in more than 50 percent of the cases of white children reported by 6 courts (Bridgeport, Conn.; Lake County, Ind.; Wayne County, Mich.; and Monroe County, Westchester County, and New York City, N.Y.).

TABLE 22.—*Age of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 140 courts during 1931*

Age of child	Dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	22, 317	-----
Age reported.....	21, 746	100
Under 2 years.....	2, 750	13
2 years, under 4.....	2, 502	12
4 years, under 6.....	2, 748	13
6 years, under 8.....	2, 962	14
8 years, under 10.....	3, 018	14
10 years, under 12.....	2, 947	14
12 years, under 14.....	2, 406	11
14 years, under 16.....	1, 961	9
16 years and over.....	452	2
Age not reported.....	571	-----

TABLE 23.—*Color, nativity, and parent nativity of boys and girls dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 77 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Color, nativity, and parent nativity of child	Dependency and neglect cases		
	Total	Boys	Girls
Total cases.....	21, 613	11, 197	10, 416
White.....	18, 642	9, 605	9, 037
Native.....	18, 092	9, 327	8, 765
Native parentage.....	11, 499	5, 916	5, 583
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	5, 817	3, 019	2, 798
Parentage not reported.....	776	392	384
Foreign born.....	279	144	135
Nativity not reported.....	271	134	137
Negro.....	2, 886	1, 545	1, 341
Other colored.....	84	47	37
Color not reported.....	1	-----	1

<sup>1</sup> Of the 140 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases, only 77 (75 of which reported girls' cases) furnished information on color and nativity.

The cases of colored children reported included 2,886 cases of Negro children and 84 cases of colored children of other races. Marked variation may be found in different localities in the extent to which dependent Negro children are brought into court. (See table IX, p. 52.) Ten courts serving areas in which 10 percent or more of the

population were Negroes reported at least 100 cases of dependency and neglect. In six of these areas (District of Columbia; Marion County, Ind.; Orleans Parish, La.; Baltimore, Md.; Franklin County, Ohio; and Philadelphia, Pa.) the percentage of Negro children brought before the court was larger, in some courts twice as large, as the percentage of Negroes in the general population. In the four remaining areas (Dade County, Fla.; Fulton County, Ga.; Caddo Parish, La.; and Norfolk, Va.) decidedly less use was made of the court for dependent Negro children in proportion to the number of Negroes in the area.

PLACE CHILD WAS LIVING WHEN REFERRED TO COURT, AND MARITAL STATUS OF PARENTS

More than three fourths of the children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases for which information as to the whereabouts of the child was reported were living in their own homes when brought to court. Table 24 shows that most of these children were living with both their own parents or with their mother, a smaller number living with the father or with one parent and a step-parent. In most of the 4,482 cases of children not in their own homes, the child had been living with other family groups, often with relatives.

TABLE 24.—*Marital status of parents, according to place child was living when referred to court, in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 77 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Marital status of parents	Dependency and neglect cases										
	Total	Place child was living when referred to court									
		In own home						In other family home	In institution	In other place	Not reported
		Total	With both own parents	With mother and step-father	With father and step-mother	With mother only	With father only				
Total cases.....	21, 613	14, 934	5, 288	454	252	5, 977	2, 963	3, 526	717	239	2, 197
Married and living together.....	5, 364	5, 202	5, 202	—	—	—	—	99	51	12	—
Divorced.....	1, 130	856	2	181	32	533	108	212	40	15	7
Mother deserting father.....	707	613	—	—	—	61	552	74	18	1	1
Father deserting mother.....	1, 665	1, 448	—	1	—	1, 431	16	163	36	15	2
Separated for other reasons.....	3, 635	2, 661	—	1	—	1, 837	823	801	109	54	10
Both parents dead.....	579	—	—	—	—	—	—	504	43	27	5
Father dead.....	1, 623	1, 381	—	227	—	1, 154	—	184	33	25	—
Mother dead.....	2, 502	1, 598	—	—	206	—	1, 392	750	107	42	5
Not married to each other.....	1, 885	1, 099	83	32	3	924	57	541	224	16	5
Other status.....	100	3	1	—	—	—	2	75	17	5	—
Status not reported.....	2, 423	73	—	12	11	37	13	123	39	27	2, 161

<sup>1</sup> Of the 140 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases, only 77 furnished information on marital status of parents and place child was living when referred to court.

The marital status of the parents of the children is also shown in table 24. The parents in 28 percent of the cases were married and living together. In 37 percent they were separated for various reasons, divorce and desertion being the reasons in about one half of these cases. Among other reasons for separation were physical or mental disability or imprisonment of one of the parents. In 25 percent of the cases one or both of the parents were dead, and in 10 percent they were not married to each other.

In 42 percent of the cases in which the parents were not married to each other, and in 36 percent of those in which the mother only was dead, the children were receiving care away from their own homes when brought into court. Nearly half of the children under care of institutions belonged in these two groups. Care of children away from their own homes had been given also in about a fourth of the cases in which the parents were divorced (24 percent) or separated for other reasons (27 percent). Only a small percentage of the children had been separated from the remaining parent in cases in which one parent had deserted or the father had died.

#### REASONS FOR REFERENCE AND SOURCES OF REFERENCE TO COURT

Several children in a family may be referred to court at the same time and for the same reason. The families represented, as well as the children's cases, are shown in table 25, each family being counted only once for each time it was dealt with by the court on a new complaint involving one or more of the children. Only cases dealt with by the 77 courts that reported detailed information are included in table 25, as information as to families was not available for the 704 cases reported by the remaining 63 of the 140 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases. These family figures, however, are probably representative, as comparison of children's cases reported by the 77 courts and by the entire 140 courts shows that the percentage distribution of reasons for reference of cases was practically identical in both groups.

TABLE 25.—Reason for reference to court and families represented in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 77 courts during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

Reason for reference to court	Dependency and neglect cases		
	Total cases	Families represented	
		Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	21, 613	11, 353	-----
Reason reported.....	21, 607	11, 349	100
Without adequate care or support from parent or guardian.....	16, 735	8, 516	75
Abandonment or desertion.....	1, 352	762	7
Abuse or cruel treatment.....	465	284	3
Living under conditions injurious to morals.....	2, 271	1, 104	10
Physically handicapped and in need of public care.....	759	672	6
Other reasons.....	25	11	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reason not reported.....	6	4	-----

<sup>1</sup> Of the 140 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases, only 77 furnished information on number of families represented.

<sup>2</sup> Less than 1 percent.

Two of the classifications shown in table 25 (abuse or cruel treatment and living under conditions injurious to morals) designate situations almost universally called neglect. Twelve percent of the families were brought into court on these charges. The classifications "without adequate care or support from parent or guardian",

and "abandonment or desertion", which were used for 82 percent of the cases, seem to have been variously interpreted by the different courts. Table X (p. 53), which gives details for individual courts, shows that nearly half of the total number of cases of abandonment and desertion were reported by Philadelphia. It is probable that in other courts many cases involving desertion were classified under the more general heading, as the immediate problem was lack of support. The New York City court having jurisdiction over neglect cases only reported 1,779 cases without adequate care or support (88 percent of its total cases) and 26 cases of abandonment or desertion (1 percent), whereas the Philadelphia court responsible for both neglect and dependency cases reported 1,192 cases under the first of these classifications (68 percent of its total cases) and 358 cases (20 percent) under the second. Physical handicaps of one or more children was the reason for 6 percent of the families coming before the court.

The following list shows the number of families referred to the courts by different individuals or agencies:

Source of reference	Number of families
Total.....	11, 353
Parents or relatives.....	3, 996
Social agency.....	3, 682
Individual.....	1, 205
Police.....	1, 069
Probation officer.....	803
School department.....	409
Other sources.....	92
Source not reported.....	97

It is to be expected that parents or relatives and social agencies would refer most of the dependency and neglect cases. In some localities the court prefers to have such cases investigated first by a social agency so that only those actually needing court action are brought to court. In other localities the court undertakes the initial work and receives complaints from any interested persons, including parents and relatives.

#### DISPOSITIONS

In more than a third of the dependency cases, as shown in table 26, the court assumed responsibility for the continued care and supervision of the child. Table XI (p. 54) shows, however, that the policies as to retaining responsibility varied greatly in the individual courts. In 8 courts (Mobile County, Ala.; Bridgeport and New Haven, Conn.; Orleans Parish, La.; Buffalo, Erie County, and Rensselaer County, N.Y.; and Fayette County, Pa.) no children were retained under supervision of the court, whereas in 9 courts (District of Columbia; Marion County, Ind.; Wayne County, Mich.; Hennepin County and Ramsey County, Minn.; Allegheny County and Montgomery County, Pa.; Pierce County, Wash.; and Milwaukee County, Wis.) the court retained responsibility for the majority of the cases, varying from more than a half to practically all of the cases. Supervision of the child in his own home or in other family homes by probation officers was used in 4,313 cases (19 percent), nearly half of these cases being in New York City and Allegheny County, Pa. Cooperation between the court and some public or private child-caring agency or institution, whereby the agency or institution or individual provided the care for the child and the court retained responsibility for the



care and for work with the family, was used for 3,417 cases (15 percent). Almost two thirds of the cases in which the child was cared for by cooperative supervision were reported by 7 courts (District of Columbia; Wayne County, Mich.; Hennepin County and Ramsey County, Minn.; New York City, N.Y.; Multnomah County, Oreg.; and Milwaukee County, Wis.).

TABLE 26.—*Disposition and manner of handling dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 140 courts during 1931*

Disposition of case	Dependency and neglect cases					
	Total		Official		Unofficial <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	22, 317	-----	17, 761	-----	4, 556	-----
Disposition reported.....	22, 316	100	17, 760	100	4, 556	100
Child kept under supervision of court.....	7, 730	35	6, 706	38	1, 024	22
Probation officer supervising.....	4, 313	19	3, 464	20	849	19
Agency or individual supervising.....	1, 579	7	1, 484	8	95	2
Under temporary care of an institution.....	1, 838	8	1, 758	10	80	2
Child not kept under supervision of court.....	13, 556	61	10, 193	57	3, 363	74
Case dismissed or adjusted.....	5, 090	23	2, 545	14	2, 545	56
Committed to:						
State institution.....	244	1	244	1	-----	-----
Other institution.....	2, 629	12	2, 629	15	-----	-----
Public department.....	700	3	700	4	-----	-----
Other agency.....	2, 733	12	2, 733	15	-----	-----
Individual.....	438	2	438	2	-----	-----
Referred without commitment to:						
Institution.....	255	1	201	1	54	1
Agency or individual.....	978	4	396	2	582	13
Referred to other court.....	158	1	57	( <sup>2</sup> )	101	2
Other disposition of case.....	331	1	250	1	81	2
Case held open without further action.....	1, 030	5	861	5	169	4
Disposition not reported.....	1	-----	1	-----	-----	-----

<sup>1</sup> 47 courts reported unofficial cases.

<sup>2</sup> Less than 1 percent.

Among the cases for which the courts did not retain responsibility were 5,090 (23 percent) that were dismissed after a warning had been given or some adjustment of the problem had been made and 1,030 (5 percent) in which the court held the case open but anticipated no further need for action. In a few courts such disposition had been made in one third to more than one half of the cases, whereas in other courts definite action had been taken in a large majority of the cases. Although an equal number of official and unofficial cases had been dismissed or adjusted, such cases constituted 56 percent of the unofficial cases but only 14 percent of the official cases.

Commitment to child-caring agencies or institutions or to individuals was made in 6,744 cases (30 percent), and the child was referred to such agencies or persons without commitment in 1,233 cases (6 percent). Table XI (p. 54) shows that there was wide variation in the courts as to the use of commitment or referral of children to institutions or agencies. In a few localities, notably Mobile, Ala.; San

Francisco County, Calif.; Buffalo, Syracuse, Monroe County, and Rensselaer County, N.Y.; and Fayette County, Pa., it is evident that few children had been brought into court in cases of dependency or neglect, unless there was need for court authority for transfer of custody to an institution or agency.

### OTHER TYPES OF CHILDREN'S CASES

Twenty-four courts serving areas of 100,000 or more population, and 11 serving less populous areas reported other types of children's cases dealt with during the year in addition to delinquency, dependency, and neglect cases. (See table I, p. 38.) Nearly two thirds of the 1,116 cases reported as "special proceedings" had been dealt with by the court in Philadelphia, Pa. The largest number of cases (364) were concerned with the commitment of feeble-minded children to institutions, or with making other provisions for the care of these children. The next largest group (293) involved children dealt with as material witnesses; such cases were reported by only five courts (Fulton County, Ga.; New York City and Westchester County, N.Y.; Hamilton County, Ohio; and Philadelphia, Pa.) Petitions for adoption had been under consideration in 226 cases, of which all but 25 were heard in the Philadelphia court.<sup>34</sup> The question of custody of the child was the major problem in 183 cases. Some of these involved the appointment of a guardian and others the settlement of disputes as to custody. Other types of problems under the jurisdiction of the court were involved in 50 cases, including granting permission for a minor to marry or a boy to enlist in the Army or Navy.

### CASES OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED FROM SUPERVISION

Cases of children discharged from supervision were reported by 34 courts serving areas of 100,000 or more population and by 67 courts serving areas with smaller population. These courts terminated supervision of 13,150 cases of delinquent children, 4,192 cases of dependent and neglected children, and 14 cases of other types. This last group has not been included in the following discussion or in tables 27 or 28 but is included in table I (p. 38). In a large majority of these cases the children had been placed under official supervision, but 740 cases of delinquency and 343 cases of dependency and neglect had been dealt with unofficially.<sup>35</sup>

#### REASONS FOR DISCHARGE, AND CONDUCT WHILE UNDER SUPERVISION

Table 27 gives information as to the reasons the children were discharged from supervision. In the largest percentage of delinquency cases (64) and of dependency and neglect cases (62) the children were discharged because of satisfactory conduct or because conditions had improved. Fulfillment of a particular court order or expiration of a definite period of supervision were the reasons for discharge in

<sup>34</sup> The courts were instructed to report cases as "adoption proceedings" only if the juvenile court had the authority to grant or deny adoption petitions. In a number of the cases reported as dependency or neglect the court took some part in adoption proceedings, such as giving consent to adoption or declaring a child eligible for adoption, although the adoption was actually granted in another court.

<sup>35</sup> Information as to the method of dealing with supervision cases was not available for Philadelphia, Pa., or for the State of Connecticut, exclusive of Bridgeport.

12 percent of the delinquency cases but for only 2 percent of the dependency and neglect cases. Placement of children under supervision for a definite period of time is a procedure used by a few courts but not by others. More than two-thirds of all delinquency cases so dealt with were reported by the courts in Hudson County and Mercer County, N.J., and Philadelphia, Pa. (See table XII, p. 56.) In 16 percent of the delinquency cases, and in 26 percent of the dependency and neglect cases, failure of the child to improve satisfactorily in conduct while under supervision, or continuance of unsatisfactory conditions affecting him, resulted in commitment to an institution or agency for further supervision, or in a decision to discharge the child in spite of unsatisfactory conduct or conditions as further supervision seemed undesirable. Reference to another court, inability to locate the child, removal from jurisdiction of the court, and other reasons were reported as the cause of discharge in 9 percent of the delinquency cases and in 10 percent of the dependency and neglect cases. (See table XII (p. 56) and XIII (p. 57).)

TABLE 27.—*Reason for discharge in cases of delinquent and of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 101 courts during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Reason for discharge	Cases of children discharged from supervision			
	Delinquent		Dependent and neglected	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	13, 150	-----	4, 192	-----
Reason reported.....	13, 142	100	4, 189	100
Conduct of child satisfactory or conditions improved.....	8, 386	64	2, 578	62
Expiration of period specified by court.....	1, 279	10	60	1
Order of court fulfilled.....	245	2	36	1
Conduct of child or conditions unsatisfactory but further supervision not advised.....	269	2	119	3
Child committed or referred to an institution.....	1, 572	12	492	12
Child committed or referred to an agency or individual.....	210	2	471	11
Referred to other court.....	111	1	57	1
Whereabouts of child unknown or moved from jurisdiction of court.....	490	4	258	6
Other reason.....	580	4	118	3
Reason not reported.....	8	-----	3	-----

<sup>1</sup> Of the 101 courts reporting supervision cases, 96 courts reported delinquency cases and 54 reported dependency and neglect cases.

Information was received from 57 courts as to whether complaints of misconduct of the children had been received during the time that they were under supervision by the court. Of 9,618 cases of delinquency for which this information was given, complaints had been received in only one fifth (1,900 cases).

These same 57 courts also reported on changes that had been made in the type of supervision given. Information on this item was more complete, being available for all the 11,046 cases of delinquency reported. Changes in the type of supervision had been made in 859 cases, nearly three fourths of these being reported by the District of Columbia; Hennepin County, Minn.; and New York City. In the largest number of cases (387) the child, although under supervision



of the court, had been placed under care of an institution or agency and after a period of intensive care had been returned to his home under supervision of the probation officer. In 125 cases the child had been under care of the probation officer but was transferred to an institution or agency for care until the time of discharge. Transfer of supervision from an agency or individual to an institution, or the reverse, had been used in 7 cases. More than one change in type of supervision had been necessary in 340 cases.

#### LENGTH OF TIME UNDER SUPERVISION

The length of time that the children were under supervision in delinquency and in dependency and neglect cases is shown in table 28. In two thirds of the dependency and neglect cases and in nearly three fourths of the delinquency cases the child had been under supervision less than a year, the larger number for less than 6 months. Some interesting differences are to be found in tables XIV and XV (pp. 58 and 59) in the length of the period of supervision in individual courts. In all the cases of delinquent children discharged by three courts <sup>36</sup> (Mobile County, Ala.; Dade County, Fla.; and Syracuse, N.Y.) the children had been under supervision less than one year. Supervision of children for periods of three or more years was reported, however, by a number of courts. The majority of cases of delinquent children under supervision for this length of time had been under care of three courts (Mercer County, N.J.; Montgomery County, Ohio; and Philadelphia, Pa.). Supervision had been extended through three or more years in a number of dependency and neglect cases in San Francisco County, Calif.; Wayne County, Mich.; Hennepin County, Minn.; and Philadelphia, Pa.

TABLE 28.—Length of time child was under supervision in cases of delinquent and of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 101 courts during 1931 <sup>a</sup>

Duration of supervision	Cases of children discharged from supervision			
	Delinquent		Dependent and neglected	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total cases.....	13, 150	-----	4, 192	-----
Duration reported.....	13, 148	100	4, 191	100
Less than 6 months.....	4, 955	38	1, 673	40
6 months, less than 1 year.....	4, 506	34	1, 105	26
1 year, less than 18 months.....	2, 245	17	515	12
18 months, less than 2 years.....	699	5	270	6
2 years, less than 3.....	462	4	356	8
3 years or more.....	281	2	272	6
Duration not reported.....	2	-----	1	-----

<sup>a</sup> Of the 101 courts reporting supervision cases, 96 reported delinquency cases and 54 reported dependency and neglect cases.

<sup>36</sup> The one child discharged from supervision in Fayette County, Pa., had been under supervision less than a year.



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## SOURCE TABLES

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TABLE I.—*Number of boys' and girls' delinquency, dependency and neglect, and special-proceedings cases disposed of, and number of cases of children discharged from supervision, by 43 courts serving specified areas and 126 courts serving other areas during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Special-proceedings cases			Cases of children discharged from supervision		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	59,880	51,278	8,602	22,317	11,555	10,762	31,116	181	228	17,356	13,085	4,271
State totals:												
Connecticut.....	4,215	3,698	517	753	389	364	-----	-----	-----	1,333	1,209	124
Utah.....	2,935	2,545	390	204	113	91	9	4	5	435	377	58
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	53,103	45,472	7,631	19,990	10,361	9,629	1,085	161	217	15,628	11,679	3,949
Alabama: Mobile County.....	160	142	18	5	3	2	1	-----	1	29	28	1
California:												
San Diego County.....	1,617	1,384	233	349	152	197	29	16	13	202	152	50
San Francisco County.....	626	486	140	842	435	407	12	12	-----	529	349	180
Connecticut:												
Bridgeport (city).....	445	376	69	49	31	18	-----	-----	-----	56	55	1
Hartford (city).....	704	612	92	116	56	60	-----	-----	-----	230	187	43
New Haven (city).....	369	346	23	109	63	46	-----	-----	-----	205	192	13
District of Columbia.....	1,927	1,668	259	297	163	134	2	1	1	824	631	193
Florida: Dade County.....	608	498	110	658	330	328	-----	-----	-----	271	184	87
Georgia: Fulton County.....	1,186	999	187	401	202	199	1	1	-----	490	371	119
Indiana:												
Lake County.....	350	221	129	225	113	112	6	6	-----	251	145	106
Marion County.....	617	404	213	242	124	118	-----	-----	-----	20	20	-----
Iowa: Polk County.....	457	360	97	404	204	200	15	4	11	198	143	55
Louisiana:												
Caddo Parish.....	338	277	61	155	65	90	5	4	1	-----	-----	-----
Orleans Parish.....	924	840	84	352	249	103	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	2,884	2,615	269	314	170	144	2	1	1	264	200	64
Michigan:												
Kent County.....	507	431	76	275	129	146	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Wayne County.....	2,965	2,664	301	766	368	398	-----	-----	-----	2,043	1,504	539
Minnesota:												
Hennepin County.....	1,203	990	213	296	161	135	-----	-----	-----	865	642	223
Ramsey County.....	409	310	99	193	102	91	-----	-----	-----	384	291	93
New Jersey:												
Hudson County.....	1,696	1,520	176	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	300	244	56
Mercer County.....	443	391	52	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	505	468	37
New York:												
Buffalo (city).....	1,212	1,118	94	71	33	38	-----	-----	-----	189	163	26
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	187	173	14	107	61	46	-----	-----	-----	139	133	6
Monroe County.....	224	190	34	192	89	103	-----	-----	-----	135	109	26
New York (city).....	7,299	6,416	883	4,173	2,198	1,975	143	59	84	3,873	2,885	988
Rensselaer County.....	243	195	48	162	89	73	1	-----	-----	1	9	8
Syracuse (city).....	272	256	16	116	54	62	1	-----	-----	11	9	2
Westchester County.....	397	338	59	438	215	223	51	23	28	238	212	26
Ohio:												
Franklin County.....	1,855	1,579	276	729	385	344	15	8	7	-----	-----	-----
Hamilton County.....	2,550	1,941	609	371	182	189	28	2	26	164	126	38
Mahoning County.....	1,979	1,613	366	188	102	86	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Montgomery County.....	578	360	218	348	181	167	1	-----	1	164	100	64
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	1,247	1,110	137	646	309	337	21	7	14	391	287	104
Pennsylvania:												
Allegheny County.....	853	721	132	909	469	440	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fayette County.....	66	55	11	4	3	1	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	1
Montgomery County.....	74	65	9	7	5	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia (city and county).....	7,390	6,524	866	3,654	1,941	1,713	707	(4)	(4)	1,239	838	401
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	91	75	16	58	30	28	11	3	8	33	27	6
Utah: Third District.....	1,149	978	171	172	92	80	4	1	3	227	181	46
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	728	595	133	159	73	86	2	1	1	231	197	34
Washington:												
Pierce County.....	128	84	44	48	20	28	1	-----	1	-----	-----	-----
Spokane County.....	621	530	91	174	83	91	25	11	14	-----	-----	-----
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	3,525	3,022	503	1,216	627	589	1	1	-----	918	598	320
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	6,777	5,806	971	2,327	1,194	1,133	31	20	11	1,728	1,406	322

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of the totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

<sup>3</sup> Includes 707 cases for one court which did not report boys' and girls' cases separately.

<sup>4</sup> Not separately reported.

TABLE IIA.—Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of boys dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 43 courts serving specified areas and 96 courts serving other areas during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction	Boys' delinquency cases								
		Total	Age of boy							
			Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years	17 years	18 years and over	Age not reported
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....		51, 278	2, 939	6, 542	12, 135	20, 048	5, 162	3, 259	228	965
State totals.....										
Connecticut.....	Under 16..	3, 698	387	706	1, 162	1, 342	101			
Utah.....	Under 18..	2, 545	134	231	457	825	487	371	24	16
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....		45, 472	2, 490	5, 692	10, 702	18, 161	4, 521	2, 820	201	885
Alabama: Mobile County.....	Under 16..	142	9	19	45	38	16	6	2	7
California:										
San Diego County.....	Under 21..	1, 384	79	85	141	464	319	235	57	4
San Francisco County.....	do.....	486	9	16	62	171	112	95	19	2
Connecticut:										
Bridgeport (city).....	Under 16..	376	39	75	117	144	1			
Hartford (city).....	do.....	612	88	126	177	204	17			
New Haven (city).....	do.....	346	9	27	122	188				
District of Columbia.....	Under 17..	1, 668	109	220	376	624	323	8	7	1
Florida: Dade County.....	do.....	498	31	54	119	200	76	7	1	10
Georgia: Fulton County.....	Under 16..	999	63	149	304	438	35	8	2	
Indiana:										
Lake County.....	do.....	221	8	28	71	112	2			
Marion County.....	do.....	404	24	54	122	181	4			19
Iowa: Polk County.....	Under 18..	360	21	37	77	110	65	49		1
Louisiana:										
Caddo Parish.....	Under 17..	277	5	8	17	48	22	4	1	172
Orleans Parish.....	do.....	840	32	103	180	337	154	26	4	4
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	Under 16..	2, 615	274	600	770	867	69	19	3	13
Michigan:										
Kent County.....	Under 17..	431	29	68	78	167	82	4		3
Wayne County.....	do.....	2, 664	17	288	628	1, 132	539	27	1	32
Minnesota:										
Hennepin County.....	Under 18..	990	25	81	161	306	194	191	7	25
Ramsey County.....	do.....	310	3	15	45	99	67	78	3	
New Jersey:										
Hudson County.....	Under 16..	1, 520	74	249	476	704	16			1
Mercer County.....	do.....	391	40	95	115	136	4			1
New York:										
Buffalo (city).....	do.....	1, 118	40	136	309	624	6		2	1
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	do.....	173	6	12	63	86	5	1		
Monroe County.....	do.....	190	2	28	60	93	4			3
New York (city).....	do.....	6, 416	338	782	1, 837	3, 340	43	1		75
Rensselaer County.....	do.....	195	6	24	27	104	33		1	
Syracuse (city).....	do.....	256	21	53	67	112	3			
Westchester County.....	do.....	338	25	49	95	141	23	1	1	3
Ohio:										
Franklin County.....	Under 18..	1, 579	86	159	287	537	280	215	3	12
Hamilton County.....	do.....	1, 941	94	175	375	564	358	319	26	30
Mahoning County.....	do.....	1, 613	52	141	316	504	281	258	6	55
Montgomery County.....	do.....	360	23	28	58	128	75	45		3
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	do.....	1, 110	49	108	184	352	209	175	6	32
Pennsylvania:										
Allegheny County.....	Under 16..	721	37	93	218	348	19	3	2	1
Fayette County.....	do.....	55			12	22	8	6	4	3
Montgomery County.....	do.....	65	2	8	16	38	1			
Philadelphia (city and county).....	do.....	6, 524	478	1, 059	1, 697	2, 920	22	7		341
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	do.....	75	5	17	27	25				1
Utah: Third District.....	Under 18..	978	53	83	180	328	181	143	5	5
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	do.....	595	20	46	77	162	129	151	5	5
Washington:										
Pierce County.....	do.....	84	3	5	13	23	16	21	1	2
Spokane County.....	do.....	530	14	27	69	174	116	123	2	5
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	do.....	3, 022	148	267	512	866	592	594	30	13
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....		5, 806	449	850	1, 433	1, 887	641	439	27	80

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of the totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE IIB.—Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 43 courts serving specified areas and 67 courts serving other areas during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction	Girls' delinquency cases								
		Total	Age of girl							
			Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years	17 years	18 years and over	Age not reported
Total cases <sup>1</sup> .....		8,602	269	459	1,420	4,021	1,354	847	86	146
State totals:										
Connecticut.....	Under 16..	517	33	61	125	241	57			
Utah.....	Under 18..	390	12	14	54	136	90	77	2	5
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.		7,631	220	389	1,244	3,628	1,167	768	83	132
Alabama: Mobile County.....	Under 16..	18			8	7	1		1	1
California:										
San Diego County.....	Under 21..	233	21	13	30	63	45	42	18	1
San Francisco County.....	do.....	140	1	1	11	44	36	27	19	1
Connecticut:										
Bridgeport (city).....	Under 16..	69	5	10	25	29				
Hartford (city).....	do.....	92	5	4	23	57	3			
New Haven (city).....	do.....	23		1	3	19				
District of Columbia.....	Under 17..	259	15	9	51	130	53	1		
Florida: Dade County.....	do.....	110	4	4	19	48	29	2	1	3
Georgia: Fulton County.....	Under 16..	187	8	18	59	92	9	1		
Indiana:										
Lake County.....	Under 18..	129	1	3	17	58	23	27		
Marion County.....	do.....	213	1	20	32	75	49	30		6
Iowa: Polk County.....	do.....	97	4	4	16	41	25	7		
Louisiana:										
Caddo Parish.....	Under 17..	61		1	1	14	3	3		39
Orleans Parish.....	do.....	84	4	4	17	35	20	2	1	1
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	Under 16..	269	8	29	71	120	24	12	1	4
Michigan:										
Kent County.....	Under 17..	76	1	4	10	33	25	2		1
Wayne County.....	do.....	301		7	37	185	70	1		1
Minnesota:										
Hennepin County.....	Under 18..	213	1	4	19	70	45	63	3	8
Ramsey County.....	do.....	99		3	6	36	25	29		
New Jersey:										
Hudson County.....	Under 16..	176	9	14	38	114	1			
Mercer County.....	do.....	52	4	5	15	25	2			1
New York:										
Buffalo (city).....	do.....	94	4	7	15	67	1			
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	do.....	14		1	3	10				
Monroe County.....	do.....	34		3	10	19	1			1
New York (city).....	do.....	883	21	52	191	603	8			8
Rensselaer County.....	do.....	48		3	7	26	12			
Syracuse (city).....	do.....	16		2	3	11				
Westchester County.....	do.....	59	1	2	6	35	14	1		
Ohio:										
Franklin County.....	Under 18..	276	4	8	35	103	72	50	2	2
Hamilton County.....	do.....	609	6	20	79	203	151	114	21	15
Mahoning County.....	do.....	366	16	18	43	145	81	57	1	5
Montgomery County.....	do.....	218	9	12	33	88	39	30	4	3
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	do.....	137	1	5	16	55	29	27	1	3
Pennsylvania:										
Allegheny County.....	Under 16..	132	2	5	24	81	6	10	4	
Fayette County.....	do.....	11			1	10				
Montgomery County.....	do.....	9		1		8				
Philadelphia (city and county).....	do.....	866	43	64	170	563	7			19
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	do.....	16	1	5	5	5				
Utah: Third District.....	Under 18..	171	5	4	20	47	53	39	1	2
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	do.....	133	4	7	25	40	26	26		5
Washington:										
Pierce County.....	do.....	44			4	24	9	6	1	
Spokane County.....	do.....	91		1	10	35	26	17	2	
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	do.....	503	11	11	36	155	144	142	2	2
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.		971	49	70	176	393	187	79	3	14

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of the totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.



TABLE IIIA.—*Color, nativity, and parent nativity of boys dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 41 courts serving specified areas and 38 courts serving other areas during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Boys' delinquency cases								
	Total	White boys						Colored boys	Boys whose color was not reported
		Total	Native, native parent-age	Native, foreign or mixed parent-age	Native, parent-age not reported	Foreign born	Nativity not reported		
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	47,956	38,959	17,877	15,752	1,853	742	2,735	8,982	15
State total: Utah.....	2,545	2,539	2,108	390	19	22	-----	6	-----
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	44,514	35,945	15,308	15,373	1,821	721	2,722	8,554	15
Alabama: Mobile County.....	142	80	79	1	-----	-----	-----	62	-----
California:									
San Diego County.....	1,384	1,352	954	310	25	60	3	32	-----
San Francisco County.....	486	472	131	179	68	21	73	14	-----
Connecticut: Bridgeport (city).....	376	363	69	266	19	8	1	13	-----
District of Columbia.....	1,668	636	533	64	35	1	3	1,032	-----
Florida: Dade County.....	498	401	379	19	1	1	1	97	-----
Georgia: Fulton County.....	999	398	398	-----	-----	-----	-----	601	-----
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	221	187	50	128	1	8	-----	34	-----
Marion County.....	404	270	264	5	-----	1	-----	134	-----
Iowa: Polk County.....	360	317	270	47	-----	-----	-----	43	-----
Louisiana:									
Caddo Parish.....	277	164	155	-----	5	-----	4	113	-----
Orleans Parish.....	840	383	280	63	8	6	26	457	-----
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	2,615	1,782	838	653	276	12	3	833	-----
Michigan:									
Kent County.....	431	398	267	125	4	1	1	33	-----
Wayne County.....	2,664	2,182	553	1,402	28	155	44	482	-----
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	990	971	569	388	2	10	2	19	-----
Ramsey County.....	310	305	219	80	1	5	-----	5	-----
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,520	1,433	350	1,049	-----	34	-----	87	-----
Mercer County.....	391	341	67	273	-----	1	-----	50	-----
New York:									
Buffalo (city).....	1,118	1,047	275	735	1	36	-----	71	-----
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	173	171	53	115	-----	2	1	2	-----
Monroe County.....	190	189	81	103	-----	5	-----	1	-----
New York (city).....	6,416	5,701	1,423	4,071	24	162	21	715	-----
Rensselaer County.....	195	193	127	66	-----	-----	-----	2	-----
Syracuse (city).....	256	244	50	186	-----	8	-----	12	-----
Westchester County.....	338	314	74	214	16	10	-----	24	-----
Ohio:									
Franklin County.....	1,579	1,188	1,079	96	4	4	5	391	-----
Hamilton County.....	1,941	1,316	554	74	677	8	3	625	-----
Mahoning County.....	1,613	1,393	252	702	146	10	283	205	15
Montgomery County.....	360	296	243	39	12	2	-----	64	-----
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	1,110	1,095	761	240	24	28	42	15	-----
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	721	600	190	400	8	1	1	121	-----
Fayette County.....	55	51	33	16	-----	2	-----	4	-----
Montgomery County.....	65	57	33	24	-----	-----	-----	8	-----
Philadelphia (city and county).....	6,524	4,787	982	1,566	19	49	2,171	1,737	-----
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	75	46	45	1	-----	-----	-----	29	-----
Utah: Third District.....	978	976	696	254	17	9	-----	2	-----
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	595	306	292	13	1	-----	-----	289	-----
Washington:									
Pierce County.....	84	82	72	10	-----	-----	-----	2	-----
Spokane County.....	530	524	405	108	5	6	-----	6	-----
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	3,022	2,934	1,163	1,288	394	55	34	88	-----
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	3,442	3,014	2,569	379	32	21	13	428	-----

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of the total for Utah, which is included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE IIIB.—*Color, nativity, and parent nativity of girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 41 courts serving specified areas and 31 courts serving other areas during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Girls' delinquency cases							
	Total	White girls						Girls whose color was not reported
		Total	Native, native parent-age	Native, foreign or mixed parent-age	Native, parent-age not reported	Foreign born	Nativity not reported	
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	8,154	6,247	3,493	2,068	243	116	327	1,906
State total: Utah.....	390	386	316	64	6			4
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	7,516	5,700	3,022	2,001	241	111	325	1,815
Alabama: Mobile County.....	18	8	8					10
California:								
San Diego County.....	233	224	154	54	10	5	1	9
San Francisco County.....	140	136	37	47	17	19	16	4
Connecticut: Bridgeport (city).....	69	62	12	48	2			7
District of Columbia.....	259	54	49	5				205
Florida: Dade County.....	110	83	79			1	3	27
Georgia: Fulton County.....	187	71	71					116
Indiana:								
Lake County.....	129	102	34	62	1	5		27
Marion County.....	213	126	126					87
Iowa: Polk County.....	97	86	82	4				11
Louisiana:								
Caddo Parish.....	61	39	37		2			22
Orleans Parish.....	84	27	19	1	1	1	5	57
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	269	124	65	29	30			145
Michigan:								
Kent County.....	76	70	45	23	2			6
Wayne County.....	301	256	93	129	8	15	11	45
Minnesota:								
Hennepin County.....	213	200	104	93	2	1		13
Ramsey County.....	99	90	71	19				9
New Jersey:								
Hudson County.....	176	165	52	112		1		11
Mercer County.....	52	42	6	36				10
New York:								
Buffalo (city).....	94	87	21	64		2		7
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	14	13	6	7				1
Monroe County.....	34	33	9	21		3		1
New York (city).....	883	742	208	494	4	36		141
Rensselaer County.....	48	47	37	10				1
Syracuse (city).....	16	16	6	10				
Westchester County.....	59	51	12	35	1	3		8
Ohio:								
Franklin County.....	276	193	174	13	5		1	83
Hamilton County.....	609	407	382	11	14			202
Mahoning County.....	366	286	38	78	12	8	150	79
Montgomery County.....	218	169	142	15	8	1	3	49
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	137	132	108	8	4	3	9	5
Pennsylvania:								
Allegheny County.....	132	105	47	58				27
Fayette County.....	11	10	6	4				1
Montgomery County.....	9	7	5	2				2
Philadelphia (city and county).....	866	577	185	270	2	2	118	289
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	16	9	9					7
Utah: Third District.....	171	170	125	39	6			1
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	133	70	66	4				63
Washington:								
Pierce County.....	44	41	29	11		1		3
Spokane County.....	91	89	71	17		1		2
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	503	481	192	168	110	3	8	22
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	638	547	471	67	2	5	2	91

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of the total for Utah, which is included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE IV.—Source of reference to court of delinquency cases disposed of by 41 courts serving specified areas and 38 courts serving other areas during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Delinquency cases									
	Source of reference to court									
	Total	Police	School department	Probation officer	Other court	Social agency	Parents or relatives	Other individual	Other source	Source not reported
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	56, 110	35, 478	4, 046	3, 099	393	779	4, 608	7, 259	302	146
State total: Utah.....	2, 935	1, 048	517	561	11	8	154	587	49	-----
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	52, 030	33, 864	3, 412	2, 351	342	742	4, 413	6, 529	242	135
Alabama: Mobile County.....	160	54	27	3	4	7	25	37	2	1
California:										
San Diego County.....	1, 617	874	139	14	170	16	154	207	43	-----
San Francisco County.....	626	401	35	53	19	19	90	5	2	2
Connecticut: Bridgeport (city).....	445	296	39	4	-----	12	25	66	3	-----
District of Columbia.....	1, 927	1, 326	1	233	2	4	227	133	-----	1
Florida: Dade County.....	608	189	112	13	5	4	115	145	24	1
Georgia: Fulton County.....	1, 186	715	24	142	-----	4	67	234	-----	-----
Indiana:										
Lake County.....	350	130	100	13	5	18	45	39	-----	-----
Marion County.....	617	176	14	6	-----	7	125	260	11	18
Iowa: Polk County.....	457	186	75	1	-----	9	48	137	1	-----
Louisiana:										
Caddo Parish.....	338	139	2	41	-----	2	39	91	-----	24
Orleans Parish.....	924	27	-----	891	-----	-----	1	3	-----	2
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	2, 884	2, 511	99	9	2	71	146	36	8	2
Michigan:										
Kent County.....	507	354	28	10	1	5	52	54	3	-----
Wayne County.....	2, 965	2, 112	302	1	-----	96	137	260	55	2
Minnesota:										
Hennepin County.....	1, 203	802	29	12	-----	29	141	171	19	-----
Ramsey County.....	409	310	2	-----	-----	6	20	69	2	-----
New Jersey:										
Hudson County.....	1, 696	697	316	88	1	47	100	428	14	5
Mercer County.....	443	327	23	19	-----	3	30	41	-----	-----
New York:										
Buffalo (city).....	1, 212	1, 123	-----	15	-----	6	59	7	1	1
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	187	107	14	10	-----	1	6	49	-----	-----
Monroe County.....	224	129	1	2	-----	24	31	37	-----	-----
New York (city).....	7, 299	4, 257	108	3	3	61	1, 102	1, 744	-----	21
Rensselaer County.....	243	72	114	-----	-----	11	17	27	-----	2
Syracuse (city).....	272	230	10	1	-----	1	7	22	1	-----
Westchester County.....	397	183	82	-----	-----	20	31	80	1	-----
Ohio:										
Franklin County.....	1, 855	1, 036	152	113	13	28	158	338	11	6
Hamilton County.....	2, 550	1, 866	102	13	50	72	205	224	2	16
Mahoning County.....	1, 979	897	424	15	8	24	186	420	3	2
Montgomery County.....	578	172	148	23	34	19	86	96	-----	-----
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	1, 247	901	48	20	3	27	80	150	11	7
Pennsylvania:										
Allegheny County.....	853	194	68	417	4	7	151	6	-----	6
Fayette County.....	66	52	-----	1	-----	-----	12	1	-----	-----
Montgomery County.....	74	62	6	-----	-----	2	4	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia (city and county).....	7, 390	6, 275	236	2	-----	35	434	403	5	-----
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	91	66	6	2	1	3	4	7	1	1
Utah: Third District.....	1, 149	584	223	16	5	2	102	206	11	-----
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	728	446	48	61	-----	6	44	115	-----	8
Washington:										
Pierce County.....	128	91	11	-----	6	-----	8	4	8	-----
Spokane County.....	621	482	39	5	6	19	27	43	-----	-----
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	3, 525	3, 013	205	79	-----	15	72	134	-----	7
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	4, 080	1, 614	634	748	51	37	195	730	60	11

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of the total for Utah, which is included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE V.—Place of care of child pending hearing or disposition in delinquency cases disposed of by 41 courts serving specified areas and 38 courts serving other areas during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Delinquency cases								
	Total cases	No detention care	Detention care overnight or longer in specified place					Not reported whether detention care was given	
			Boarding home or other family home	Detention home <sup>2</sup>	Other institution	Jail or police station <sup>3</sup>	Other place of care <sup>4</sup>		Place of care not reported
Total cases <sup>5</sup> .....	56, 110	33, 804	183	13, 902	4, 888	1, 428	267	2	1, 636
State total: Utah.....	2, 935	2, 552	29	154	4	72	115		9
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	52, 030	30, 509	131	13, 607	4, 857	1, 257	44	2	1, 623
Alabama: Mobile County.....	160	63	1	85		10			1
California:									
San Diego County.....	1, 617	1, 059	2	452	10	77			17
San Francisco County.....	626	262		331	1	26			6
Connecticut: Bridgeport (city).....	445	320		122	2	1			
District of Columbia.....	1, 927	1, 509		412	4			1	1
Florida: Dade County.....	608	566	4		3	34			1
Georgia: Fulton County.....	1, 186	696	2	483	1	2			2
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	350	188	2	145	3	8			4
Marion County.....	617	204	1	384		2	1	1	24
Iowa: Polk County.....	457	222	3	197	5	30			
Louisiana:									
Caddo Parish.....	338	88	3	41	3	10			193
Orleans Parish.....	924	405			516	1			2
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	2, 884	2, 702	4		168	1	1		8
Michigan:									
Kent County.....	507	303		198	4				2
Wayne County.....	2, 965	1, 173	15	1, 771	3				3
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	1, 203	1, 003	51		5	129			15
Ramsey County.....	409	247			91	70			1
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1, 696	994		691	4				7
Mercer County.....	443	384		59					
New York:									
Buffalo (city).....	1, 212	815		396	1				
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	187	127	3		57				
Monroe County.....	224	91			133				
New York (city).....	7, 299	3, 665	2		3, 593				39
Rensselaer County.....	243	152			76				15
Syracuse (city).....	272	35		235					2
Westchester County.....	397	254	1		118		24		
Ohio:									
Franklin County.....	1, 855	802	2	719		304	1		27
Hamilton County.....	2, 550	1, 321	1	1, 143	7	8	1		69
Mahoning County.....	1, 979	1, 015		886	2	75			1
Montgomery County.....	578	360		145	1	65	2		5
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	1, 247	819		187	20	183	2		36
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	853	50		393		1			409
Fayette County.....	66	48			1	17			
Montgomery County.....	74	9	2	63					
Philadelphia (city and county).....	7, 390	5, 105	26	1, 526	17		11		705
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	91	70			2	18			1
Utah: Third District.....	1, 149	957	3	154	2	28			5
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	728	353	3	285	1	80			6
Washington:									
Pierce County.....	128	21		78		29			
Spokane County.....	621	360		207	2	48			4
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	3, 525	1, 692		1, 819	1		1		12
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	4, 080	3, 295	52	295	31	171	223		13

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

<sup>2</sup> Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in detention homes and part of the time elsewhere, but excludes cases of children also held in jails or police stations.

<sup>3</sup> Includes a few cases of children cared for part of the time in jails or police stations and part of the time elsewhere.

<sup>4</sup> Includes a few cases of children held in more than one place of care but in places other than detention homes, jails, or police stations.

<sup>5</sup> Exclusive of the total for Utah, which is included in figures for specified courts and other courts



TABLE VIA.—Reason for reference to court in boys' delinquency cases disposed of by 43 courts serving specified areas and 96 courts serving other areas during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Boys' delinquency cases											
	Total	Reason for reference to court										
		Stealing	Act of carelessness or mischief	Traffic violation	Truancy	Running away	Ungovernable	Sex offense	Injury to person	Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs	Other reason	Reason not reported
Total cases <sup>1</sup> .....	51, 278	23, 115	13, 706	1, 625	2, 982	3, 123	3, 048	812	1, 304	397	1, 078	88
State totals:												
Connecticut.....	3, 698	1, 717	1, 222	22	132	125	161	76	84	3	156	---
Utah.....	2, 545	1, 152	552	69	346	123	66	46	68	75	48	---
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	45, 472	20, 510	12, 111	1, 478	2, 504	2, 936	2, 809	704	1, 084	302	946	88
Alabama: Mobile County.....	142	78	14	---	32	7	4	---	7	---	---	---
California:												
San Diego County.....	1, 384	467	214	270	74	146	124	30	8	16	35	---
San Francisco County.....	486	310	2	53	32	4	53	22	6	---	4	---
Connecticut:												
Bridgeport (city).....	376	188	110	2	15	20	24	12	3	---	2	---
Hartford (city).....	612	221	267	1	16	41	29	14	5	---	18	---
New Haven (city).....	346	221	46	---	9	6	13	4	9	1	37	---
District of Columbia.....	1, 668	841	387	105	87	35	137	10	40	10	16	---
Florida: Dade County.....	498	177	128	---	54	30	85	14	4	---	6	---
Georgia: Fulton County.....	999	573	240	4	19	63	59	4	10	27	---	---
Indiana:												
Lake County.....	221	110	31	---	40	9	18	10	3	---	---	---
Marion County.....	404	270	32	3	2	6	80	5	4	1	1	---
Iowa: Polk County.....	360	160	85	17	13	13	49	12	4	1	6	---
Louisiana:												
Caddo Parish.....	277	116	63	22	5	26	11	1	29	2	---	2
Orleans Parish.....	840	423	216	17	---	2	108	7	62	4	1	---
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	2, 615	817	1, 413	10	127	41	139	14	41	1	12	---
Michigan:												
Kent County.....	431	243	62	59	25	1	25	9	5	1	1	---
Wayne County.....	2, 664	1, 750	295	53	250	32	125	54	92	5	8	---
Minnesota:												
Hennepin County.....	990	500	170	163	13	7	77	17	26	13	4	---
Ramsey County.....	310	193	28	31	4	14	18	5	3	4	10	---
New Jersey:												
Hudson County.....	1, 520	655	306	---	299	25	152	23	54	1	5	---
Mercer County.....	391	237	82	---	28	3	21	---	19	1	---	---
New York:												
Buffalo (city).....	1, 118	692	321	2	---	36	45	6	14	---	2	---
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	173	79	49	2	4	19	7	4	6	---	3	---
Monroe County.....	190	130	21	---	3	11	11	5	6	---	---	---
New York (city).....	6, 416	2, 573	2, 112	25	63	514	451	63	250	5	277	83
Rensselaer County.....	195	69	11	---	84	13	12	---	4	---	---	2
Syracuse (city).....	256	183	47	7	---	3	3	6	---	---	---	---
Westchester County.....	338	205	34	10	58	1	13	3	12	---	2	---
Ohio:												
Franklin County.....	1, 579	702	350	32	140	172	66	62	17	28	10	---
Hamilton County.....	1, 941	955	333	134	10	267	54	34	22	28	104	---
Mahoning County.....	1, 613	551	498	22	232	121	71	25	41	3	49	---
Montgomery County.....	360	143	56	---	89	35	20	7	7	2	1	---
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	1, 110	565	258	29	35	61	62	25	20	13	41	1
Pennsylvania:												
Allegheny County.....	721	352	76	---	115	38	122	11	6	1	---	---
Payette County.....	55	45	---	---	---	---	6	4	---	---	---	---
Montgomery County.....	65	55	2	---	1	---	5	---	2	---	---	---
Philadelphia (city and county).....	6, 524	2, 167	2, 673	7	183	689	315	59	142	32	257	---
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	75	56	1	---	---	6	7	---	2	3	---	---
Utah: Third District.....	978	499	156	17	147	57	34	11	6	20	31	---
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	595	264	112	59	34	28	26	6	31	35	---	---
Washington:												
Pierce County.....	84	63	11	---	2	2	4	1	---	1	---	---
Spokane County.....	530	238	119	60	11	49	12	13	4	21	3	---
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	3, 022	1, 374	680	259	142	286	112	95	52	22	---	---
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	5, 806	2, 605	1, 595	147	478	187	239	108	220	95	132	---

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE VI.B.—Reason for reference to court in girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 43 courts serving specified areas and 67 courts serving other areas during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Girls' delinquency cases											
	Reason for reference to court											
	Total	Stealing	Act of carelessness or mischief	Traffic violation	Truancy	Running away	Ungovernable	Sex offense	Injury to person	Use, possession, or sale of liquor or drugs	Other reason	Reason not reported
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	8,602	1,094	781	90	885	1,311	2,335	1,709	157	112	90	38
State totals:												
Connecticut.....	517	107	52		28	39	120	147	7	2	15	
Utah.....	390	42	38	1	120	40	56	45	15	25	8	
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	7,631	950	690	82	723	1,222	2,132	1,511	128	90	65	38
Alabama: Mobile County.....	18	1			1	3	4	9				
California:												
San Diego County.....	233	27	25	31	15	35	51	45	1		3	
San Francisco County.....	140	5			8	45	58	21			2	
Connecticut:												
Bridgeport (city).....	69	18	11		1	4	17	17	1			
Hartford (city).....	92	9	4		5	7	35	31			1	
New Haven (city).....	23	3	1				4	13		1		
District of Columbia.....	259	17	45	8	17	19	125	8	7	4	9	
Florida: Dade County.....	110	15	6		11	22	31	22	1	1	1	
Georgia: Fulton County.....	187	34	64		3	23	47	2	4	10		
Indiana:												
Lake County.....	129	8	9		6	6	42	57	1			
Marion County.....	213	20	7		10	17	116	34	1	8		
Iowa: Polk County.....	97	9	6	2	1	6	62	10			1	
Louisiana:												
Caddo Parish.....	61	6	7	1	2	8	12	18	3	2	1	1
Orleans Parish.....	84	19	7	2			41		14	1		
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	269	42	51	1	4	16	126	19	5		5	
Michigan:												
Kent County.....	76	15	2		10		20	29				
Wayne County.....	301	20	1	2	81	31	79	81	5	1		
Minnesota:												
Hennepin County.....	213	43	6	4	6	22	59	62	1	6	4	
Ramsey County.....	99	23		1		10	27	37	1			
New Jersey:												
Hudson County.....	176	10	3		43	22	55	41	1		1	
Mercer County.....	52	17	2		4	1	17	8	3			
New York:												
Buffalo (city).....	94	47	3			14	23	7				
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	14	2				3	2	4	2	1		
Monroe County.....	34	4	1			5	5	19				
New York (city).....	883	138	66	1	11	284	250	71	30		1	31
Rensselaer County.....	48	5			29	4	5	5				
Syracuse (city).....	16	6	2		3		4	1				
Westchester County.....	59	3		1	20	3	16	16				
Ohio:												
Franklin County.....	276	28	3	1	61	15	51	108	2	6		1
Hamilton County.....	609	67	57	6	14	105	152	173	6	8	17	4
Mahoning County.....	366	36	39		95	32	48	102	9	1	4	
Montgomery County.....	218	31	31		36	40	23	54	3			
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	137	15	10	1	2	11	46	45		1	6	
Pennsylvania:												
Allegheny County.....	132	10			24	25	53	17	2	1		
Fayette County.....	11					1	6	4				
Montgomery County.....	9	3					5	1				
Philadelphia (city and county).....	866	85	156		45	251	235	65	9	14	5	1
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	16	8	1		1	4	1		1			
Utah: Third District.....	171	17	9		60	20	30	22	2	8	3	
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	133	10	8	2	17	18	45	16	11	5	1	
Washington:												
Pierce County.....	44	10		1	1	9	2	20		1		
Spokane County.....	91	13	4	1	4	31	14	19		5		
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	503	51	43	15	71	50	88	178	2	5		
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	971	144	91	8	162	89	203	198	29	22	25	

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE VII.—*Manner of handling delinquency cases disposed of by 43 courts serving specified areas and 100 courts serving other areas during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Delinquency cases		
	Total	Official	Unofficial
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	59,880	38,060	21,820
State totals:			
Connecticut.....	4,215	2,485	1,730
Utah.....	2,935	1,324	1,611
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	53,103	34,097	19,006
Alabama: Mobile County.....	160	160	-----
California:			
San Diego County.....	1,617	635	982
San Francisco County.....	626	626	-----
Connecticut:			
Bridgeport (city).....	445	178	267
Hartford (city).....	704	332	372
New Haven (city).....	369	369	-----
District of Columbia.....	1,927	1,462	465
Florida: Dade County.....	608	281	327
Georgia: Fulton County.....	1,186	1,186	-----
Indiana:			
Lake County.....	350	284	66
Marion County.....	617	451	166
Iowa: Polk County.....	457	258	199
Louisiana:			
Caddo Parish.....	338	210	128
Orleans Parish.....	924	924	-----
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	2,884	2,884	-----
Michigan:			
Kent County.....	507	507	-----
Wayne County.....	2,965	2,965	-----
Minnesota:			
Hennepin County.....	1,203	1,203	-----
Ramsey County.....	409	409	-----
New Jersey:			
Hudson County.....	1,696	1,696	-----
Mercer County.....	443	443	-----
New York:			
Buffalo (city).....	1,212	1,212	-----
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	187	187	-----
Monroe County.....	224	224	-----
New York (city).....	7,299	7,299	-----
Rensselaer County.....	243	243	-----
Syracuse (city).....	272	272	-----
Westchester County.....	397	394	3
Ohio:			
Franklin County.....	1,855	575	1,280
Hamilton County.....	2,550	108	2,442
Mahoning County.....	1,979	412	1,567
Montgomery County.....	578	183	395
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	1,247	369	878
Pennsylvania:			
Allegheny County.....	853	853	-----
Fayette County.....	66	66	-----
Montgomery County.....	74	74	-----
Philadelphia (city and county).....	7,390	1,917	5,473
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	91	77	14
Utah: Third District.....	1,149	446	703
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	728	728	-----
Washington:			
Pierce County.....	128	128	-----
Spokane County.....	621	222	399
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	3,525	645	2,880
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	6,777	3,963	2,814

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE VIII.A.—Disposition of boys' delinquency cases by 43 courts serving specified areas and 96 courts serving other areas during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Boys' delinquency cases											Disposition not reported
	Child kept under supervision of court			Child not kept under supervision of court								
	Total	Agency or individual supervision		Under temporary care of an institution	Case dismissed or adjusted	Committed to—		Referred without commitment to—		Restitution, fine, or costs ordered	Other disposition of case	
		Probation officer supervising	Agency or individual supervision			Institution	Agency or individual	Institution	Agency or individual			
Total cases <sup>1</sup> .....	51,278	14,849	849	693	22,854	3,975	231	192	613	1,903	2,231	2,874
State totals:												
Connecticut.....	3,698	1,384	33	1	1,679	215	14	21	47	64	136	104
Utah.....	2,545	899	40	8	962	86	18	-----	8	355	110	48
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION	45,472	12,999	772	647	20,451	3,657	210	181	562	1,239	2,007	2,734
Alabama: Mobile County.....	142	27	2	2	31	65	2	-----	-----	-----	5	8
California:												
San Diego County.....	1,384	218	4	31	723	32	2	6	10	-----	133	225
San Francisco County.....	486	346	-----	-----	91	37	7	-----	-----	-----	5	-----
Connecticut:												
Bridgeport (city).....	376	122	-----	-----	185	16	1	4	28	-----	20	-----
Hartford (city).....	612	165	-----	-----	306	22	5	10	5	-----	38	61
New Haven (city).....	346	224	20	-----	58	30	4	-----	2	-----	8	-----
District of Columbia.....	1,668	600	329	-----	418	35	31	3	54	23	5	170
Florida: Dade County.....	154	224	21	23	224	26	-----	-----	18	5	12	15
Georgia: Fulton County.....	999	385	-----	-----	30	229	-----	4	6	-----	21	324
Indiana:												
Lake County.....	221	69	35	-----	18	48	8	3	12	13	9	6
Marion County.....	404	120	2	5	71	29	-----	2	-----	4	3	168
Iowa: Polk County.....	360	149	-----	-----	1	153	27	-----	1	7	14	6
Louisiana:												
Caddo Parish.....	277	55	17	9	65	55	8	-----	4	19	19	24
Orleans Parish.....	840	-----	-----	-----	107	199	7	-----	14	39	5	467
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	2,615	293	1	-----	1,849	381	4	23	15	44	5	-----
Michigan:												
Kent County.....	431	196	6	70	134	24	-----	-----	1	-----	29	279
Wayne County.....	2,664	1,478	24	-----	555	297	1	-----	-----	-----	1	-----
Minnesota:												
Hennepin County.....	990	397	2	163	74	28	-----	7	1	8	15	295
Ramsey County.....	310	180	3	33	70	5	-----	6	1	-----	12	-----



New Jersey:	1,520	255	20	559	430	11	2	232	1	1
Hudson County	391	326		1	60					
Merger County										
New York:										
Buffalo (city)	1,118	154		773	115			69		7
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo)	173	111		25	15	1			11	10
Monroe County	160	147		13	24	3				2
New York (city)	6,416	2,640	10	151	378	1	4	347	25	238
Rensselaer County	195	10		128	27			11	8	10
Syracuse (city)	226	5	218	9	13	2		1	2	6
Westchester County	338	244	2	53	8	5	1	5	12	1
Ohio:										
Franklin County	1,579	298	11	53	81		21	5	10	96
Hamilton County	1,941	338	3	24	35	3	28	226	3	430
Maioning County	1,613	263	2	1,054	78	8	6	19	72	90
Montgomery County	360	91	1	171	39	4	3	6	29	19
Oregon: Multnomah County	1,110	372	4	35	551	2	15	10	6	7
Pennsylvania:										
Allegheny County	721	649		7	65				58	24
Fayette County	55	26	4		24					
Montgomery County	65	45		1	20					
Philadelphia (city and county)	6,524	620	2	4,652	352	78	74	140	514	92
South Carolina: Greenville County	75	44		10	9	1		1	4	5
Utah: Third District	978	437	7	370	38	6	4	61	43	12
Virginia: Norfolk (city)	595	247	28	127	54	1	5	10	55	31
Washington:										
Pierce County	84	15	6		41		8		5	9
Spokane County	530	34	5	271	58	2	6	10	38	34
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County	3,022	480	5	2,089	67	2	13	13	20	109
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION	5,806	1,830	77	46	318	21	11	51	664	140

1 Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

\* Exclusive of totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE VIII.B.—Disposition of girls' delinquency cases by 43 courts serving specified areas and 67 courts serving other areas during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Girls' delinquency cases												
	Child kept under supervision of court					Child not kept under supervision of court					Case held open without further action	Disposition not reported	
	Total	Probation officer supervising	Agency or individual supervising	Under temporary care of an institution	Case dismissed or adjusted	Committed to—		Referred without commitment to—		Restitution, fine, or costs ordered			Other disposition of case
						Institution	Agency or individual	Institution	Agency or individual				
Total cases *	8,602	2,559	130	347	2,819	1,100	140	104	320	68	508	505	2
State totals:													
Connecticut.....	517	117	5	8	169	93	12	11	44	4	47	7	
Utah.....	350	133	15	1	166	22	4		5	11	27	6	
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	7,631	2,328	104	328	2,457	957	128	94	287	38	437	471	2
Alabama: Mobile County.....	18	2			3	13							
California:													
San Diego County.....	233	19	3	15	145	3	2		4		23	19	
San Francisco County.....	140	61			28	27	21				3		
Connecticut:													
Bridgeport (city).....	69	4			32	8	2		21		2		
Hartford (city).....	92	40			12	22	2	2			13	1	
New Haven (city).....	23	11			5	5	2						
District of Columbia.....	259	91	41		47	45	6	1	4		2	22	
Florida: Dade County.....	110	10	1	10	57	1	1		11		11	8	
Georgia: Fulton County.....	187	115			2	7		4	5		7	47	
Indiana:													
Lake County.....	129	44	5	5	25	27	1	1	7		3	11	
Marion County.....	213	49	2	4	108		1		3		9	37	
Iowa: Polk County.....	97	34	2	13	27	16			1		4		
Louisiana:													
Caddo Parish.....	61	15	6	8	10	12			4	4	1	1	
Orleans Parish.....	84				4	16	1		1	2	1	59	
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	209	66			107	90		2	2	2			
Michigan:													
Kent County.....	76	22		17	27	10						47	
Wayne County.....	301	154	7	2	50	41							
Minnesota:													
Hennepin County.....	213	93		60	16	12					2	30	
Ramsey County.....	99	37	1	32	13	15		1					

New Jersey:	176	64		2	40	62	6			2		2
Hudson County	32	33		1		16						
Mercer County												
New York:												
Buffalo (city)	94	15			55	23	1					1
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo)	34	10			3	3	2					
Monroe County	883	476	2	63	188	19	4					
New York (city)	48	3			28	137	1					1
Rensselaer County	16	8	2		1	12				1	1	3
Syracuse (city)	59	28			8	15	6			1		1
Westchester County												
Ohio:												
Franklin County	276	57	2	45	77	50		1	5	3	31	4
Hamilton County	699	65	6	4	276	13		67	94		64	19
Mahoning County	366	20	2		220	20	9	3	40	3	17	32
Montgomery County	218	37		7	91	15	1	2	27	1	25	11
Oregon: Multnomah County	137	28	2	35	50	3	2	1	3		9	4
Pennsylvania:												
Allegheny County	132	102		2		25	2					
Fayette County	11	2				8			1			
Montgomery County	9	2				7						
Philadelphia (city and county)	866	173			416	84	42		14	3	122	12
South Carolina: Greenville County	16	3			4	2	1				2	4
Utah: Third District	171	75	1		63	6	3		5	8	9	1
Virginia: Norfolk (city)	133	38	7		30	3	3		12	2	10	25
Washington:												
Pierce County	44	10	2			25						7
Spokane County	91	3	4		19	9	1	3	16	6	27	3
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County	503	204	6	3	169	24	5	3	7		33	49
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION	971	231	26	19	362	143	12	10	33	30	71	34

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE IX.—*Color, nativity, and parent nativity of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 39 courts serving specified areas and 38 courts serving other areas during 1931*<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Dependency and neglect cases								
	Total	White children						Colored children	Children whose color was not reported
		Total	Native, native parent-age	Native, foreign or mixed parent-age	Native, parent-age not reported	Foreign born	Nativity not reported		
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	21,613	18,642	11,499	5,817	776	279	271	2,970	1
State total: Utah.....	204	204	155	41	8				
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	19,765	16,868	9,985	5,631	726	271	255	2,896	1
Alabama: Mobile County.....	5	2	1		1			3	
California:									
San Diego County.....	349	323	241	52	18	11	1	26	
San Francisco County.....	842	769	332	349	40	15	33	73	
Connecticut: Bridgeport (city).....	49	49	19	28	2				
District of Columbia.....	297	136	118	1	17			161	
Florida: Dade County.....	658	630	581	27	12	7	3	28	
Georgia: Fulton County.....	401	345	345					56	
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	225	147	57	80	6	4		78	
Marion County.....	242	189	184	2	3			53	
Iowa: Polk County.....	404	360	323	36		1		44	
Louisiana:									
Caddo Parish.....	155	142	140		1		1	13	
Orleans Parish.....	352	244	121	19	33	1	70	108	
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	314	223	94	48	77		4	91	
Michigan:									
Kent County.....	275	273	191	71	11			2	
Wayne County.....	766	667	224	348	56	14	25	99	
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	296	292	209	55	28			4	
Ramsey County.....	193	177	145	31			1	16	
New York:									
Buffalo (city).....	71	64	33	31				7	
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	107	104	76	28				3	
Monroe County.....	192	189	68	119	1	1		3	
New York (city).....	4,173	3,674	1,556	1,911	26	158	13	498	1
Rensselaer County.....	162	160	136	22	2			2	
Syracuse (city).....	116	114	65	48			1	2	
Westchester County.....	438	390	118	205	55	10	2	48	
Ohio:									
Franklin County.....	729	619	576	27	13	1	2	110	
Hamilton County.....	371	256	215	26	13	1	1	115	
Mahoning County.....	188	161	96	44	10	1	10	27	
Montgomery County.....	348	245	236	4	4	1		103	
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	646	634	526	64	18	4	22	12	
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	909	735	380	334	20	1		174	
Fayette County.....	4	3	2	1				1	
Montgomery County.....	7	4	4					3	
Philadelphia (city and county).....	3,654	2,796	1,462	1,218	47	17	52	858	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	58	49	49					9	
Utah: Third District.....	172	172	125	39	8				
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	159	126	122	1	2		1	33	
Washington:									
Pierce County.....	48	46	44	1	1			2	
Spokane County.....	174	171	153	10	1	4	3	3	
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	1,216	1,188	618	351	200	9	10	28	
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	1,848	1,774	1,514	186	50	8	16	74	

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of the total for Utah, which is included in figures for specified courts and other courts.



TABLE X.—Reason for reference to court of families represented in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 39 courts serving specified areas and 38 courts serving other areas during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Families represented in dependency and neglect cases						
	Total	Reason for reference to court					
		Without adequate care or support from parent or guardian	Abandonment or desertion	Abuse or cruel treatment	Living under conditions injurious to morals	Physically handicapped and in need of public care	Other reason
Total cases <sup>1</sup> .....	11,353	8,516	762	284	1,104	672	11
State total: Utah.....	101	59	13	6	18	5	
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	10,482	7,911	726	251	1,013	572	5
Alabama: Mobile County.....	3		1		2		
California:							
San Diego County.....	239	106	8	29	66	30	
San Francisco County.....	403	358	9	3	32	1	
Connecticut: Bridgeport (city).....	23	17		1	4	1	
District of Columbia.....	186	162	11	2	8	2	1
Florida: Dade County.....	357	299	8	11	13	26	
Georgia: Fulton County.....	251	188	1	5	56	1	
Indiana:							
Lake County.....	142	90	7	9	23	13	
Marion County.....	139	131	2		6		
Iowa: Polk County.....	239	156	10	6	10	57	
Louisiana:							
Caddo Parish.....	97	58	2	7	20	10	
Orleans Parish.....	261	231	21	1	8		
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	207	170	19	1	12	4	1
Michigan:							
Kent County.....	142	136	1	2	2	1	
Wayne County.....	376	346	7		23		
Minnesota:							
Hennepin County.....	180	149	15	2	13		1
Ramsey County.....	103	102			1		
New York:							
Buffalo (city).....	30	17	1		12		
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	58	9	1		15	33	
Monroe County.....	85	79		1	5		
New York (city).....	2,021	1,779	26	20	152	44	
Rensselaer County.....	94	71	7	3	5	8	
Syracuse (city).....	95	3	3		9	78	2
Westchester County.....	282	143	4		13	122	
Ohio:							
Franklin County.....	379	242	15	13	83	25	1
Hamilton County.....	199	88	18	5	63	23	2
Mahoning County.....	130	99	3	1	3	24	
Montgomery County.....	197	146	21	8	19	3	
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	409	319	6	24	56	4	
Pennsylvania:							
Allegheny County.....	408	341	56			11	
Fayette County.....	3	1	1		1		
Montgomery County.....	2	2					
Philadelphia (city and county).....	1,758	1,192	358	75	100	33	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	37	21	1	3	11	1	
Utah: Third District.....	83	47	12	4	17	3	
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	91	59	6	2	24		
Washington:							
Pierce County.....	31	19	7		2	3	
Spokane County.....	114	65	8	3	31	7	
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	628	470	50	10	93	4	1
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	871	605	36	33	91	100	6

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TABLE XI.—Disposition of dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 41 courts serving specified areas and 99 courts serving other areas during 1931<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Dependency and neglect cases													
	Total	Child kept under supervision of court			Case dismissed or adjusted	Committed to—			Referred without commitment to—			Other disposition	Case held open without further action	Disposition not reported
		Probation officer supervising	Agency or individual supervising	Under temporary care of an institution		Institution	Agency	Individual	Institution	Agency or individual				
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	22,317	4,313	1,579	1,838	5,090	2,873	3,433	438	255	978	489	1,030	1	
<b>State totals:</b>														
Connecticut.....	753	24	19	---	61	394	41	19	9	67	64	55	---	
Utah.....	204	23	---	6	86	38	5	12	6	22	6	---	---	
<b>AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.</b>	19,990	3,418	1,476	1,678	4,870	2,513	3,312	368	190	874	426	864	1	
<b>Alabama: Mobile County.</b>	5	---	---	---	---	1	3	---	1	---	---	---	---	
<b>California:</b>														
San Diego County.....	349	66	1	14	202	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
San Francisco County.....	842	22	---	---	72	50	678	1	3	36	13	8	---	
<b>Connecticut:</b>														
Bridgeport (city).....	49	---	---	---	15	26	5	---	1	1	1	---	---	
Hartford (city).....	116	9	---	---	11	49	20	4	1	9	7	6	---	
New Haven (city).....	109	---	---	---	1	72	---	---	---	35	---	---	---	
District of Columbia.....	297	1	210	---	12	2	32	---	---	4	2	34	---	
Florida: Dade County.....	638	47	12	121	255	4	6	3	1	102	26	21	---	
Georgia: Fulton County.....	401	3	112	3	8	1	10	---	2	44	1	217	---	
<b>Indiana:</b>														
Lake County.....	225	29	46	9	30	54	---	---	8	22	15	4	---	
Marion County.....	242	10	66	112	1	6	14	3	---	---	---	---	---	
Iowa: Polk County.....	404	115	1	19	147	94	---	---	4	12	11	1	---	
<b>Louisiana:</b>														
Caddo Parish.....	155	16	9	21	8	25	10	35	4	13	8	6	---	
Orleans Parish.....	352	---	---	---	50	48	14	27	3	66	2	142	---	
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	314	41	3	21	36	98	105	---	4	3	3	---	---	
<b>Michigan:</b>														
Kent County.....	275	11	45	32	154	32	22	2	---	2	---	1	---	
Wayne County.....	766	130	391	9	68	25	---	---	---	---	6	111	---	



TABLE XII.—Reason for discharge in cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision by 34 courts serving specified areas and 62 courts serving other areas during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision								
	Total	Reason for discharge							
		Conduct of child satisfactory or conditions improved	Expiration of period specified by court	Conduct of child or conditions unsatisfactory but further supervision not advised	Child committed or referred to institution	Child committed or referred to agency or individual	Whereabouts of child unknown or moved from jurisdiction of court	Other reason	Not reported
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	13, 150	8, 386	1, 279	269	1, 572	210	490	936	8
State totals:									
Connecticut.....	1, 333	708	117	19	89	22	31	347	-----
Utah.....	435	210	141	9	31	6	15	23	-----
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	11, 768	7, 709	1, 081	230	1, 490	186	439	625	8
Alabama: Mobile County.....	29	22	-----	-----	3	-----	1	3	-----
California:									
San Diego County.....	168	122	2	8	-----	3	28	5	-----
San Francisco County.....	407	307	-----	20	37	9	23	10	1
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport (city).....	56	35	-----	-----	8	4	2	7	-----
Hartford (city).....	230	136	-----	-----	24	2	5	63	-----
New Haven (city).....	205	143	42	2	10	-----	2	6	-----
District of Columbia.....	628	381	-----	3	60	52	45	86	1
Florida: Dade County.....	141	93	6	6	6	3	22	5	-----
Georgia: Fulton County.....	433	283	11	45	52	7	34	1	-----
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	167	95	10	13	16	6	14	12	1
Marion County.....	18	14	-----	-----	-----	-----	4	-----	-----
Iowa: Polk County.....	142	86	-----	9	32	1	8	6	-----
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	199	96	3	2	76	4	13	4	1
Michigan: Wayne County.....	1, 452	1, 134	-----	-----	257	5	23	32	1
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	712	612	-----	24	54	3	7	12	-----
Ramsey County.....	330	306	-----	-----	10	4	2	8	-----
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	299	15	180	3	41	9	4	47	-----
Mercer County.....	505	-----	404	-----	35	-----	1	5	-----
New York:									
Buffalo (city).....	187	139	1	4	37	-----	5	1	-----
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	139	119	-----	2	10	1	-----	7	-----
Monroe County.....	100	88	-----	1	9	2	-----	-----	-----
New York (city).....	2, 617	2, 083	24	35	350	6	49	68	2
Rensselaer County.....	8	3	2	-----	3	-----	-----	-----	-----
Syracuse (city).....	11	-----	-----	-----	11	-----	-----	-----	-----
Westchester County.....	236	185	1	3	31	11	-----	5	-----
Ohio:									
Hamilton County.....	158	65	3	10	27	11	27	15	-----
Montgomery County.....	158	89	3	12	28	3	14	9	-----
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	297	183	6	8	26	6	39	28	1
Pennsylvania:									
Fayette County.....	1	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia (city and county).....	827	255	248	15	97	24	35	153	-----
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	24	14	-----	1	7	-----	1	1	-----
Utah: Third District.....	227	110	67	2	28	3	8	9	-----
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	231	184	1	1	22	3	16	4	-----
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	426	312	7	1	82	4	7	13	-----
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	1, 382	1, 677	198	39	82	24	51	311	-----

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.



TABLE XIII.—Reason for discharge in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 23 courts serving specified areas and 31 courts serving other areas during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

		Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision							
Area served by court	Total	Reason for discharge							
		Conduct of child satisfactory or conditions improved	Expiration of period specified by court	Conduct of child or conditions unsatisfactory but further supervision not advised	Child committed or referred to institution	Child committed or referred to agency or individual	Whereabouts of child unknown or moved from jurisdiction of court	Other reason	Not reported
Total cases.....	4, 192	2, 578	60	119	492	471	258	211	3
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	3, 846	2, 442	57	95	477	425	160	187	3
California:									
San Diego County.....	33	9		2		3	13	6	
San Francisco County.....	122	63			8	30	19	2	
District of Columbia.....	196	96			4	77	10	9	
Florida: Dade County.....	130	93	2	1	4	14	4	11	1
Georgia: Fulton County.....	57	31			2	15	8	1	
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	84	24		10	23	10	1	16	
Marion County.....	2	2							
Iowa: Polk County.....	56	8		11	6	5	8	18	
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	65	21		1	11	20	3	9	
Michigan: Wayne County.....	591	426		1	46	52	25	41	
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	153	80		8	28	29	1	7	
Ramsey County.....	54	43			2	9			
New York:									
Buffalo (city).....	2	2							
Monroe County.....	35	23			2	10			
New York (city).....	1, 252	885	11	39	247	29	15	24	2
Rensselaer County.....	1				1				
Westchester County.....	2	2							
Ohio:									
Hamilton County.....	3	1			2				
Montgomery County.....	6	1			5				
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	94	25	3	2	3	19	40	2	
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia (city and county).....	407	226	40	20	20	57	11	33	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	9					5	2	2	
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	492	381	1		63	41		6	
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	346	136	3	24	15	46	98	24	

<sup>1</sup> Specified courts include those with 100,000 or more population and other courts those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

TABLE XIV.—Length of time child was under supervision in cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision by 34 courts serving specified areas and 62 courts serving other areas during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision						
	Total	Duration of supervision					
		Less than 6 months	6 months, less than 12	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years or more
Total cases <sup>2</sup> .....	13, 150	4, 955	4, 506	2, 245	699	462	281
State totals:							
Connecticut.....	1, 333	622	400	255	41	8	7
Utah.....	435	234	165	30	5	1	—
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	11, 768	4, 251	4, 111	2, 021	662	445	276
Alabama: Mobile County.....	29	29	—	—	—	—	—
California:							
San Diego County.....	168	86	54	21	5	1	1
San Francisco County.....	407	243	95	31	16	15	7
Connecticut:							
Bridgeport (city).....	56	22	19	10	5	—	—
Hartford (city).....	230	26	73	106	18	5	2
New Haven (city).....	205	136	61	8	—	—	—
District of Columbia.....	628	122	268	154	58	17	9
Florida: Dade County.....	141	109	32	—	—	—	—
Georgia: Fulton County.....	433	69	179	150	34	1	—
Indiana:							
Lake County.....	167	100	59	7	1	—	—
Marion County.....	18	14	1	3	—	—	—
Iowa: Polk County.....	142	48	61	24	6	3	—
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	199	51	83	58	7	—	—
Michigan: Wayne County.....	1, 452	353	624	268	121	69	17
Minnesota:							
Hennepin County.....	712	291	320	68	23	9	1
Ramsey County.....	330	75	158	47	29	21	—
New Jersey:							
Hudson County.....	299	33	41	168	26	27	4
Mercer County.....	505	177	114	66	6	14	128
New York:							
Buffalo (city).....	187	35	50	88	3	10	1
Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	139	11	10	83	23	10	2
Monroe County.....	100	25	46	12	12	4	1
New York (city).....	2, 617	1, 384	987	185	52	7	1
Rensselaer County.....	8	1	4	3	—	—	—
Syracuse (city).....	11	11	—	—	—	—	—
Westchester County.....	236	63	50	66	33	22	2
Ohio:							
Hamilton County.....	158	62	47	23	14	11	1
Montgomery County.....	153	8	27	39	21	43	20
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	297	148	100	35	8	5	—
Pennsylvania:							
Fayette County.....	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia (city and county).....	827	292	153	88	82	138	74
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	24	4	14	3	2	—	1
Utah: Third District.....	227	100	101	22	4	—	—
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	231	21	111	67	16	13	3
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	426	101	169	118	37	—	1
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	1, 382	704	395	224	37	17	5

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of totals for Connecticut and Utah, which are included in figures for specified courts and other courts.

TABLE XV.—Length of time child was under supervision in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 23 courts serving specified areas and 31 courts serving other areas during 1931 <sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision							
	Total	Duration of supervision						Not reported
		Less than 6 months	6 months, less than 12	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years or more	
Total cases.....	4, 192	1, 673	1, 105	515	270	356	272	1
AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION.....	3, 846	1, 540	1, 011	447	247	332	268	1
California:								
San Diego County.....	33	15	12	4	1		1	
San Francisco County.....	122	41	31	11	2	14	23	
District of Columbia.....	196	58	52	28	46	9	3	
Florida: Dade County.....	130	93	35	2				
Georgia: Fulton County.....	57	28	26	1			2	
Indiana:								
Lake County.....	84	33	21	18	4	2	6	
Marion County.....	2	2						
Iowa: Polk County.....	56	28	18	6	3	1		
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....	65	26	17	15	6	1		
Michigan: Wayne County.....	591	77	95	88	82	180	69	
Minnesota:								
Hennepin County.....	153	48	21	14	20	16	34	
Ramsey County.....	54	28	13	6	6	1		
New York:								
Buffalo (city).....	2		2					
Monroe County.....	35	6	3	4	5	17		
New York (city).....	1, 252	676	454	95	19	7		1
Rensselaer County.....	1	1						
Westchester County.....	2	1				1		
Ohio:								
Hamilton County.....	3	1	1				1	
Montgomery County.....	6			6				
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	94	23	38	18	5	5	5	
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia (city and county).....	407	70	56	50	32	76	123	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	9	6			1	2		
Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	492	279	116	81	15		1	
AREAS WITH LESS THAN 100,000 POPULATION.....	346	133	94	68	23	24	4	

<sup>1</sup> Specified areas include those with 100,000 or more population and other areas those with less than 100,000 population according to the 1930 census.

# Appendix.—COURTS FURNISHING STATISTICAL MATERIAL FOR 1931

TABLE A.—*Principal city in area served by specified courts*<sup>1</sup>

Area served by court	Principal city in area served	Area served by court	Principal city in area served
Alabama: Mobile County.....	Mobile.	New York:	
California:		Buffalo (city).....	
San Diego County.....	San Diego.	Erie County (exclusive of Buffalo).....	Lackawanna.
San Francisco County.....	San Francisco.	Monroe County.....	Rochester.
Connecticut:		New York (city).....	
Bridgeport (city).....		Rensselaer County.....	Troy.
Hartford (city).....		Syracuse (city).....	
New Haven (city).....		Westchester County.....	Yonkers.
District of Columbia.....	Washington.	Ohio:	
Florida: Dade County.....	Miami.	Franklin County.....	Columbus.
Georgia: Fulton County.....	Atlanta.	Hamilton County.....	Cincinnati.
Indiana:		Mahoning County.....	Youngstown.
Lake County.....	Gary.	Montgomery County.....	Dayton.
Marion County.....	Indianapolis.	Oregon: Multnomah County.....	Portland.
Iowa: Polk County.....	Des Moines.	Pennsylvania:	
Louisiana:		Allegheny County.....	Pittsburgh.
Caddo Parish.....	Shreveport.	Fayette County.....	Uniontown.
Orleans Parish.....	New Orleans.	Montgomery County.....	Norristown.
Maryland: Baltimore (city).....		Philadelphia (city and county).....	
Michigan:		South Carolina: Greenville County.....	Greenville.
Kent County.....	Grand Rapids.	Utah: Third District.....	Salt Lake City.
Wayne County.....	Detroit.	Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	
Minnesota:		Washington:	
Hennepin County.....	Minneapolis.	Pierce County.....	Tacoma.
Ramsey County.....	St. Paul.	Spokane County.....	Spokane.
New Jersey:		Wisconsin: Milwaukee County.....	Milwaukee.
Hudson County.....	Jersey City.		
Mercer County.....	Trenton.		

<sup>1</sup> Courts serving areas with 100,000 or more population according to the 1930 census. For number of cases disposed of by each court, see table I.



TABLE B.—Area of court jurisdiction and number of delinquency, dependency and neglect, and special-proceedings cases disposed of, and number of cases of children discharged from supervision, by 126 courts serving areas with less than 100,000 population <sup>1</sup> during 1931

Area served by court	Principal city or borough in area served	Delinquency cases	Dependency and neglect cases	Special-proceedings cases	Cases of children discharged from supervision
<b>Alabama:</b>					
Baldwin County.....	Fairhope.....	16	110	1	53
Chambers County.....	Lanett.....	9	39		1
Clarke County.....	Jackson.....	1	42	4	
Colbert County.....	Sheffield.....	5	26		71
Coosa County.....	Goodwater.....		13		10
Dallas County.....	Selma.....	18	34		43
Escambia County.....	Atmore.....	3	6		6
Etowah County.....	Gadsden.....	10	3		
Fayette County.....	Fayette.....	6	46		3
Jackson County.....	Scottsboro.....	8	8		4
Lauderdale County.....	Florence.....	5	219	2	26
Macon County.....	Tuskegee.....	8	22		
Perry County.....	Marion.....	1	74		37
Sumter County.....	Yorktown.....	1	8		9
Washington County.....			24		18
<b>Connecticut:</b>					
Andover (town) <sup>2</sup> .....			1		
Ansonia (city).....		13	6		4
Barkhamsted (town).....			4		
Berlin (town).....		3	7		
Bloomfield (town).....		12			1
Branford (town).....	Branford Borough.....	6	1		3
Bristol (city).....		83	39		90
Cheshire (town).....		1			
Chester (town).....			3		
Clinton (town).....			2		
Colebrook (town).....			5		
Cornwall (town).....			1		
Coventry (town).....			3		
Danbury (city).....		12	4		19
Derby (city).....		73	7		18
East Granby (town).....			3		
East Hartford (town).....		257	17		106
East Haven (town).....		6			6
East Windsor (town) <sup>2</sup> .....		1	6		
Enfield (town).....		18			4
Essex (town).....			1		
Fairfield (town).....		40			27
Farmington (borough).....		14			
Greenwich (borough).....		7	2		4
Haddam (town).....			2		
Hamden (town).....		5			7
Killingly (town).....	Danielson Borough.....	4			3
Litchfield (town) <sup>2</sup> .....	Litchfield Borough.....	3	1		
Manchester (town).....			1		
Marlborough (town).....			3		
Meriden (city).....		65	20		36
Middlefield (town).....		1			
Middletown (city).....		111	10		
Milford (town).....	Woodmont Borough.....	2	5		
Monroe (town) <sup>2</sup> .....			1		
Naugatuck (borough).....		34			30
New Britain (city).....		470	41		111
New Canaan (town).....	New Canaan Borough.....	4			
New Hartford (town).....		1	1		
Newington (town) <sup>2</sup> .....		1	5		
New London (city).....		149	7		65
New Milford (town).....		2			
Norfolk (town).....			2		
North Stonington (town).....		1	2		
Norwalk (city).....		230	56		54
Norwich (city).....		81	10		29
Norwich (town).....			2		
Orange (town).....		3			1
Plainfield (town).....		7	4		3
Plainville (town).....		7	10		
Plymouth (town).....			1		
Pomfret (town).....			4		

<sup>1</sup> According to the 1930 census.

<sup>2</sup> Cases are for specified area, although probate court dealing with dependency and neglect cases has jurisdiction over wider territory.

TABLE B.—Area of court jurisdiction and number of delinquency, dependency and neglect, and special-proceedings cases disposed of, and number of cases of children discharged from supervision by 126 courts serving areas with less than 100,000 population during 1931—Continued

Area served by court	Principal city or borough in area served	Delinquency cases	Dependency and neglect cases	Special proceedings cases	Cases of children discharged from supervision
Connecticut—Continued.					
Portland (town)			9		
Preston (town)		1			
Putnam (city)		13	2		11
Rockville (city)		1	2		1
Rocky Hill (town)		7			7
Saybrook (town) <sup>3</sup>		2	6		
Shelton (city)		16			
Simsbury (town)		6	8		7
Somers (town)		1			1
Southbury (town)		1			
Southington (town)	Southington Borough	6	1		
Stamford (city)		209	32		46
Stonington (town)	Stonington Borough	10	2		6
Stratford (town)		28			4
Suffield (town)		1			
Thomaston (town)			1		
Torrington (city)		28	10		13
Trumbull (town)		1			
Wallingford (borough)		4			
Wallingford (town)			3		
Washington (town)			1		
Waterbury (city)		246	39		53
Waterford (town)		5	5		
Westbrook (town)			1		
West Hartford (town)		133	1		3
West Haven (town)		174	6		43
Westport (town)		19			5
Wethersfield (town)		3			
Willimantic (city)		13	18		4
Winchester (town)	Winsted	37	22		17
Windsor (town)		2	7		
Windsor Locks (town)			1		
Wolcott (town)		3			
Woodbury (town) <sup>2</sup>			2		
Illinois:					
La Salle County	Ottawa	12	85		5
Rock Island County	Rock Island	38	76		11
Iowa: Johnson County	Iowa City	28	32	3	30
Michigan: Muskegon County	Muskegon	180	91		11
Minnesota: Winona County	Winona	48	21		20
New York:					
Chemung County	Elmira	135	116		
Clinton County	Plattsburg	37	53		15
Columbia County	Hudson	63	187	1	33
Ontario County	Geneva	92	43		
North Carolina: Buncombe County	Asheville	191	89	6	77
Ohio:					
Allen County	Lima	192	54	3	5
Auglaize County	St. Marys	82	27		
Clark County	Springfield	308	56	1	16
Lake County	Painesville	47	22	3	5
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County	Williamsport	18	28	2	
Utah:					
First district	Logan	246	4		14
Second district	Ogden	645	8		60
Fourth district	Provo	354		5	19
Fifth district	Richfield	266	17		63
Sixth district	Cedar City	146	2		
Seventh district	Price	105	1		52
County courts	Kanot	24			
Virginia:					
Danville (city)		429	26		41
Lynchburg (city)		151	15		23
Wisconsin: Kenosha County					
	Kenosha	152	121		105

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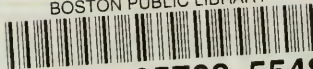
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